

Scottsdale Public Library – Press release

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Urban Libraries Council Recognizes Scottsdale Public Library for Library Innovation

Kansas City, MO, October 10, 2016 – The Urban Libraries Council (ULC) recently announced City of Scottsdale’s Civic Center Library as one of 10 Top Innovators during the 2016 ULC Annual Forum Awards Ceremony on October 6 in Kansas City. A panel of expert judges selected Scottsdale’s Public Library Eureka Loft from nearly 300 submissions in 10 categories that demonstrate the value and impact of public library service. The library won the award in the category of the Workforce and Economic Development.

“Today’s public libraries are thought leaders, educational institutions and technology centers that play a critical role in building and strengthening the fabric of their communities,” said Urban Libraries Council (ULC) President and CEO Susan Benton. “I commend Scottsdale Public Library for illustrating a sustained commitment to creativity and innovation that truly transforms their community.”

The Eureka Loft Scottsdale is a collaborative work/learn environment in Civic Center Library where job hunters and entrepreneurs can get information, go to classes and design their own digital media marketing materials – and it’s all free.

Katie O’Connor, Coordinator of Adult Services at the library credits the staff and patrons of the Eureka Loft for making it “a dynamic and innovative space for those who wish to share their expertise, whether it is simply reviewing a job resume or building new entrepreneurial companies.”

The Eureka Loft was formed as a partnership with the Library, City of Scottsdale’s Economic Development Department and Arizona State University in 2013. Over 7,000 people have participated in activities at the Eureka Loft. For more information, go to scottsdalelibrary.org/Eureka.

The entire list of 2016 ULC Innovations can be viewed at UrbanLibraries.org.

About Urban Libraries Council

Urban Libraries Council (ULC), founded in 1971, is the voice for public libraries and the force that inspires them to evolve. ULC creates the tools, techniques, and ideas to make ongoing improvements and upgrades in services and technology. ULC also speaks loudly and clearly about the value public libraries bring to communities, and secures funding for research that results in the development of new programs and services. And by serving as a forum for library leadership, ULC produces innovative ideas and best practices that ensure community impact.

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