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### **Patricia Van Skaik Appointed to Executive Director of the Lloyd Library and Museum**

The Lloyd Library and Museum announces the appointment of Patricia Van Skaik to the position of Executive Director. With an extensive background in history, special collections and library management, Ms. Van Skaik comes to the Lloyd Library from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, where she served as Manager of the Genealogy and Local History Department. Board President, John Brenzel, described Van Skaik as “the perfect fit to bridge the Lloyd’s centuries’ old collections with a 21<sup>st</sup> century audience.”

By using technology, partnerships and storytelling, Van Skaik is known for bringing historical treasures and themes to life. Examples have included: preserving and digitizing the oldest photograph of an American city, *The Cincinnati Panorama of 1848*; the development of content for the mobile app *The Abolitionist Map of America* for PBS’s *American Experience*; and *Digital Brew*, a community based collection celebrating Cincinnati’s brewing history. She is the recipient of the Hamilton County Recorder’s Griffin Yeatman Award for historical preservation, and the Distinguished Presenter Award from RootsTech, a conference devoted to family history and technology.

Considered one of Cincinnati’s hidden treasures, The Lloyd Library and Museum was established by three brothers, John Uri, Nelson Ashley, and Curtis Gates Lloyd, who operated a pharmacy and manufactured botanical drugs in Cincinnati beginning in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The library features books, manuscripts and original art dating back to the 1400s and covers the topics of pharmacy and alternative medicine, botany, scientific history, exploration and travel, and the visual arts. Its collection of botanical drawings is world-renowned and together with nearly 250,000 books provides research materials and inspiration to scientists, historians, artists, gardeners and members of the natural health movement.

Van Skaik looks forward to expanding outreach and community engagement while continuing to serve its dedicated researchers. Her goal is to “put the Lloyd Library on people’s radar, so that scholars, artists, and the general public can take full advantage of the tremendous resources available in Cincinnati’s own backyard.”

The Lloyd Library and Museum, *Bringing Science, Art and History to Life*, is free and open to the public. The Library hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule a visit contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email [contact@lloydlibrary.org](mailto:contact@lloydlibrary.org), or visit [LloydLibrary.org](http://LloydLibrary.org).