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Lloyd Library & Museum Announces Board Officers and New Trustees

The Lloyd Library & Museum is pleased to announce the election of Board Officers: Noah O'Brien, Design for X, President; Valerie Pence, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Vice President; Eric Tepe, University of Cincinnati, Secretary; Christine Perme, The Point/ARC of Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati, Treasurer.

Three newly elected trustees will serve their first term: Rick Conner (2025–2027), Jill Dunne (2026–2028), James L. Segers (2026–2028).



Rick Conner is the recently retired Director of Creative Services at Post Consumer Brands, with more than three decades of experience in strategic design and brand development. His expertise spans a wide range of categories, including food and beverage, technology, beauty, health, home care, and corporate identity. Over the course of his career, he has led creative initiatives for prominent clients such as Procter & Gamble, Kroger, and JM Smucker, directing the development of brand identity programs and guiding the expansion of brand equity into new markets. In addition to his professional accomplishments, he has applied his leadership and creative skills to advancing environmental and community initiatives. He serves as a Lifetime Trustee on the Ohio Board of Trustees for The Nature Conservancy and has supported the Sierra Club, The Cincinnati Nature Center, and the Kennebec Land Trust. At LPK, he also played a key role in shaping the firm's sustainability strategy.

Jill Dunne is a communications strategist, storyteller and founder of Said & Dunne. With more than 20 years of experience working with organizations including the Cincinnati Art Museum, ArtWorks, Newport Aquarium and Metro, she has secured national coverage in outlets from "Good Morning America" to The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and USA Today, while building teams and shaping fundraising and awareness campaigns. She is a recipient of the Cincinnati PRSA Werner-VonderHaar-Bogart Award, the American Society for Public Administration's Outstanding Public Service Award, the Cincinnati Business Courier's Forty Under 40 and Tribune Media Group's Women of Influence Award.





James L. (Jim) Segers is an achievement-oriented finance and investment management executive with extensive experience in banking, capital advisory, investment management, and strategic marketing. He currently serves as Managing Director of Jefferson & Monroe, LLC, a firm he founded to advise small and mid-sized companies on capital structure, acquisitions, divestitures, and financing transactions. Over his career, Jim has led complex negotiations, developed strategic growth initiatives, and built strong relationships with financial intermediaries and institutional clients. As an executive in the Trust Department of a large Cincinnati-based commercial bank, he introduced and negotiated one of the bank's largest banking and investment management relationships. Earlier roles at AmeriTrust (now Key Bank), Star Bank (now US Bank), and Dykstra Consulting highlight his success in expanding managed assets, launching innovative financial products, and driving business development across multiple markets. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jim has demonstrated strong community leadership through board service, fundraising initiatives, and adjunct teaching in economics.

About the Lloyd Library & Museum

Located in Cincinnati's West End, at the northwest corner of the Central Business District, the Lloyd Library & Museum advances learning to diverse user communities by providing **free and open access** to hard-to-find materials focusing on nature, art, health, and wellness. The Lloyd Library & Museum serves as a knowledge bridge, uniting our rich historical and contemporary nature-based collections with a community of learners.

We are a global research destination for scientists, historians, conservationists, and artists, as well as a local resource for teachers, students, community groups, and individuals. Founded more than 150 years ago, our collection of more than 250,000 items features botanical illustrations, manuscripts, medicinal texts, artifacts, and books about nature spanning more than 500 years. The Lloyd sponsors engaging exhibitions showcasing rare and magnificent works that spark curiosity and exploration, foster community conversations, and address critical issues of today. Our unique event series connects historic collections with timely topics around plants, health and wellness, and conservation.

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Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, The Lloyd is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of the month. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.

