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Carnegie Corporation of New York Donates \$400,000 to Public Libraries in Honor of 2007 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy Recipients

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Awarded \$300,000 in name and honor of the Heinz, Mellon and Tata Families

(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 17, 2007) In the spirit of philanthropy, the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Corporation of New York will donate \$100,000 on behalf of each of the four Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy recipients to public libraries. The announcement was made earlier today by Vartan Gregorian, President of Carnegie Corporation of New York and Chair of the Medal Selection Committee, during the 2007 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy Ceremony in Pittsburgh.

“It is my distinct pleasure to announce that \$300,000 -- \$100,000 in honor of each the Heinz, Mellon and Tata families -- will go to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to use for its own priorities,” said Gregorian. “It is my hope that on this occasion the \$100,000 bequeathed on behalf of the Tata family may be used to develop collections or other services to reflect their home country of India.”

The Corporation will donate an additional \$100,000 to the Los Angeles Public Library in honor of Medalist Eli Broad. Carnegie Corporation made similar gifts to public libraries during the inaugural Medal of Philanthropy Ceremony in 2001 in honor of Andrew Carnegie’s centennial of giving.

“Andrew Carnegie believed in promoting the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding,” stated Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President and Direct, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. “This generous gift made on behalf of the world’s leading philanthropists will allow the Library to expand on his legacy, advance the region’s literacy rate and provide a foundation for future learning.”

Created to honor Andrew Carnegie’s career as a philanthropist, the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy is presented every two years to philanthropists who share his vision for dedicating their private wealth for the public good. This year’s celebration in Pittsburgh highlighted Carnegie’s impact on his adoptive city’s businesses, education and culture. The Carnegie Hero Fund, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh hosted the celebration.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

“Free to the People” since 1895

Established as a public trust in 1895, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County with a distinguished history of leadership among the country’s great public libraries. Through its 19 neighborhood locations, including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region’s most visited asset. Each year the Library provides more than 6,000 free programs, classes and other learning and training opportunities that are tailored to meet the dynamic and diverse needs of people living in Western Pennsylvania.