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## **Jewish Healthcare Foundation Grant to Fund Health Literacy Education**

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 1, 2007)** Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh plans to expand health literacy awareness in the community as part of a *Health Librarian Fellowship* project. Funded through a \$20,000 Jewish Healthcare Foundation grant, twenty senior librarians will receive certification from the Medical Library Association.

The *Health Librarian Fellowship* is a collaborative initiative between the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Health Careers Futures, Inc. During an eleven-week professional development course developed by a nursing team from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, participants will become field experts in navigating consumer health information, building the capacity of senior librarians as frontline health literacy referral sources. Each session will concentrate on the important aspects of consumer healthcare information, including better navigation of the Library's Consumer Health Resource collection and extensive e-health databases specific to consumer needs. The Library hopes to develop the model for replication by other communities.

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### **About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**

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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.