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Potter Mania Invades Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh *Library Prepares for the Release of Final Harry Potter Book*

(PITTSBURGH, PA – June 20, 2007) How will the series end? In anticipation of *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*, the seventh and final book in the popular Harry Potter series, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) invites all muggles and wizards-in-training to uncover the secrets of Hogwarts. In conjunction with the Library's summer reading theme "Get a Clue @ Your Library!" most CLP locations will host *Potter Mania* parties with trivia challenges and costume contests.

Events throughout the summer include:

Prediction Contest

June 20 – July 19

CLP – Beechview

The person or people who are the closest to guessing the ending of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* will win a prize.

Anticipation Party

Friday, July 20

CLP – Main (6 PM- 9 PM)

Celebrate the pending release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. On the eve of the final book's release, the Main Library in Oakland will turn into a Harry Potter festival with a bewitching assortment of activities, food and entertainment, including games, music, contests, food and crafts for all ages. Costumes are welcome. Prizes courtesy of Borders at Eastside.

Concerts:

Remus Lupins

Tuesday, July 31 (6 PM)

Schenley Plaza in Oakland

To honor Harry Potter's birthday on July 31st, the *Remus Lupins* will play an outdoor concert under the tent in Schenley Plaza in Oakland. Based in Los Angeles, the *Remus Lupins* are a Wizard Rock Band, established in 2005 by Alex Carpenter. With the slogan, "Fight Evil, Read Books", they are dedicated to the promotion of literacy among people of all ages. They jumped onto the Wizard Rock band phenomena in 2005 and have been touring the country ever since.

Harry and the Potters with Draco and the Malfoys

Sunday, August 19 (5 PM)

Schenley Plaza in Oakland

Back for a repeat performance! Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh welcomes the return of Wizard Rock Band *Harry and the Potters*. *Harry and the Potters* consist of two brothers, Paul and Joe DeGeorge who perform at bookstores, fairs and various other concerts across the United States.

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In addition, anyone needing a *Harry Potter* refresher course may attend one of the Library's themed book discussions and movie screenings.

Book Discussions

Potter Mania Book Discussion - J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

Thursday, July 19 (6 PM – 7 PM)

CLP - Mt. Washington

A Multi-generational Book Discussion of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

Sunday, August 19 (5:00 PM)

CLP - Main

Movie Screenings:

CLP – Hill District

“Your Favorite Boy Wizard...The First Movie”; Tuesday, June 26 (3 PM)

“Your Favorite Boy Wizard...The Second Movie”; Tuesday, July 3 (3 PM)

“Your Favorite Boy Wizard...The Third Movie”; Tuesday, July 10 (3 PM)

“Your Favorite Boy Wizard...The Fourth Movie”; Tuesday, July 17 (3 PM)

CLP - Homewood

Harry Potter – Movie # 4; Wednesday, July 11 (3:30 PM – 6:30 PM)

CLP - Knoxville

Harry Potter Movie Marathon; Wednesday, July 11 (10 AM – 7 PM)

CLP – Squirrel Hill

Harry Potter – Movie # 4; Wednesday, July 11 (1 PM – 4 PM)

CLP - Main

Harry Potter Movie Marathon – Part I; Thursday, July 12 (1 PM – 8 PM)

Harry Potter Movie Marathon – Part II; Friday, July 20 (12 PM – 6 PM)

CLP - Carrick

Harry Potter – Movie # 4; Thursday, July 12 (4 PM – 7 PM)

CLP – Woods Run

Harry Potter – Movie # 4; Thursday, July 12 (3:30 PM)

Hosted by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, all *Potter Mania* events are free and open to the public. However, several of the Harry Potter Parties require advance registration. For more information, call 412.622.3114 or visit www.carnegielibrary.org to locate an event at your favorite neighborhood library.

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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.