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For Immediate Release

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Celebrates Black History Month

(PITTSBURGH, PA – January 28, 2008) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) plans to celebrate Black History Month with a variety of special events in February. Each of CLP's library locations will honor the work of African American authors, artists and musicians with a host of free programs for children, teens, adults and families.

Selected events include:

CLP – Homewood
7101 Hamilton Ave

Black Inventor Bingo

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 (3:30 PM)

Learn about African American inventors -- and win books -- through a unique game of bingo.

2nd Annual Harambee Read Aloud

Wednesday, February 20 (5-7 PM)

Presented in partnership with the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, this family program focuses on the book *Six Fools* by Zora Neale Hurston. Homewood native and *Six Fools* illustrator, Ann Tanksley, is the narrator of this energetic, interactive celebration of reading. There'll be performances, food, fun and laughter as Tanksley tells the story of one man's journey to find three people more foolish than his wife and her parents!

Jazz Workshop, Inc. Family Night presents Shawnee Lake

Wednesday, February 27 (5:30 – 7:30 PM)

Bring your family and friends to hear this energetic jazz and blues songstress who molds the music to the mood - no holds barred.

CLP – Main
4400 Forbes Avenue

The Pittsburgh Connection: The court martial & pardon of Private Peter Filner: Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Meeting

Saturday, February 9 (10:00 AM); Lecture Hall

Hear about the Civil War events that culminated in the presidential pardon of Pvt. Peter Gilner, of Pittsburgh. Presented by Lincoln historian Gary Kersey.

World Kaleidoscope: Tracie Yorke Dance

Sunday, February 24 (2 – 3 PM); Quiet Reading Room, First Floor

Enjoy an afternoon of Afro-Brazilian dance, performed by the Tracie Yorke Studio dancers.

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CLP - Mt. Washington

315 Grandview Avenue

They Dared to Dream

Saturday, February 23 (11 – 12 PM)

Honor the African Americans who helped change how we look at things at this special family program.

CLP - Hazelwood

4901 Second Avenue

African Arts Beading Program

Saturday, February 23 (2:00 PM)

Learn to create beautiful African beaded jewelry with the guidance of the Umoja African Arts Company.

CLP – Downtown & Business

612 Smithfield Street

A Novel Film: Their Eyes Were Watching God

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 (12:15 PM)

Watch this drama set in the 1920s, where free-spirited Janie Crawford's search for happiness leads her through several different marriages, challenging the morals of her small town. Based on the novel *Their Eyes are Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.

Film: Local Talent: August Wilson

Tuesday, February 12 (12:15 PM)

Remember two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson. This film centers on his return home to Pittsburgh's Hill District in 1990 to review his life and career. Archival footage and interviews with Wilson, former New York Times theater critic Frank Rich, Rob Penny and other fellow writers, and others provide insights into the African American experience, from the Great Black Migration to more recent times.

Film: Black Influences: Langston Hughes

Tuesday, February 19 (12:15 PM)

Explore the life and work of American author Langston Hughes. This film examines the role of race in his poetry, the influence of 1920s jazz and blues on the development of his poetic vision, and his efforts to fulfill the writer's duties to society.

Film: James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket

Tuesday, February 26 (12:15 PM)

Learn about the life of author James Baldwin as reflected in his own words and reminiscences of family and friends.

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CLP - Hill District

419 Dinwiddie Street

Black History Month Classic Movie Festival

Monday, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2008 (11:30 AM)

Enjoy two great films each Monday in February! A mix of family, comedy, history and action films will be shown.

For more information or to locate an event at your favorite neighborhood library, please visit

www.carnegielibrary.org.

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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 8,000 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.