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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Deputy Director Retires in Style *Gladys Maharam's colleagues help celebrate 40 years of library service.*

(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 14, 2008) Friends, family and colleagues gathered in Pittsburgh recently to celebrate the 40-year library career of Gladys Maharam. She served as Deputy Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh for the past ten years and was Interim Director of the Library twice during her tenure.

Her responsibilities included the day-to-day operations of 19 neighborhood locations, including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. In addition, she oversaw the services that the Library provides to children and teens. Active in numerous professional and local organizations, Gladys is president of the eiNetwork, an organization that provides the integrated library system, databases, and Internet access to all of the local libraries in Allegheny County; is past president of the Oakland Rotary Club the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center; served on the board of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council; served on the OCLC Members Council for six years and holds positions on several committees for various library associations.

“Gladys’s passion for library service has had a profound impact on the millions of customers who visit Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh,” Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President & Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, told the crowd of two hundred supporters. “She has left an indelible and unforgettable impression on the local and national library community.”

Almost every aspect of service within Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has been affected by Gladys’ ability to influence change. She began her career in 1968 in the Library’s Catalog Department and helped the Library make the leap to electronically catalog library materials. During her tenure Gladys has worked in a number of locations tackling a variety of roles, including Librarian at CLP - Squirrel Hill and Department Head of the Popular Library. In 1986, she was promoted to Assistant Director of Technical Services, a position she held while managing the system’s Main Library Services, until 1996 when she was asked to serve as the Director of the Library Center of Point Park College and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

In honor of Gladys’ contribution to the Library a special fund to support the Business Resources at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has been established in her name. Colleagues wishing to contribute in her honor are asked to contact Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Development Office at 412.622.6276.

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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 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.