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## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Issues the Following Statement Regarding Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's Proposed 2010 Budget**

**(PITTSBURGH, November 9, 2009)** – Our concern is to meet our funding shortfall and find long-term sustaining funding. We greatly appreciate all of the ideas, offers and support that have recently come from our elected local and state officials. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Administration and Board of Trustees will work collaboratively with the Mayor and others who want to guarantee that Pittsburgh's library system remains strong for all generations. We do not have details of the Mayor's plan and need to evaluate his proposal.

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

*To Engage our Community in Literacy and Learning*

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, with 2.6 million visitors in 2008. Each year the Library provides valuable resources, programs, classes and training opportunities that engage the community in literacy, and life-long learning.