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Spend an Hour on Your Children!

New Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Series Offers Tips for Raising Successful Kids

(PITTSBURGH, PA – February 13, 2009) A new series created by Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) will help parents develop skills to cultivate their children's love for reading and prepare them for school success. Beginning in March, CLP – Downtown and Business, located at 612 Smithfield Street, will offer ParentPrep, a series of hour-long discussions for raising successful kids.

ParentPrep programs are free for parents and caregivers. All programs begin at 12:15 pm at CLP – Downtown & Business. For more information or to register for one or more programs please visit www.carnegielibrary.org or call 412.281.7141.

Mother Goose and Beyond: Sharing Books with Infants and Toddlers

Monday, March 2, 2009

Learn tips about reading to your little ones and identify great titles that will engage and capture their attention.

Raise a Reader: Preschoolers on the Move

Monday, March 9, 2009

Six early learning skills help prepare children for school. Learn these skills and ways to integrate them into family reading time.

Reading with Readers

Monday, March 16, 2009

Just because they can now read independently doesn't mean school aged children don't want to be read to. Discover read aloud books to share with your school-age children.

Writing Begins with Scribbling

Monday, March 23, 2009

Reading and writing go hand in hand in the learning process. Learn fun family activities that incorporate both skills.

Internet Safety

Monday, March 30, 2009

Learn how to talk with your children about being smart and safe while having fun online.

Social-Emotional Learning

Monday, April 6, 2009

In order for children to be successful in life, they need to develop social skills. This workshop will help you integrate various social-emotional techniques and literature in everyday family activities.

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Monday, April 20, 27 and May 4

Mother Goose Asks Why

This three-week series will introduce you to engaging children's literature and exciting literacy-based science activities that can be shared with the entire family.

Wednesday, April 22

So, What is My Child Doing All Day?

Join us for an informative discussion about the incredible opportunities that happen in high-quality child care settings. Gain knowledge in identifying and selecting quality child care.

Wednesday, April 29

So, What Did You Do in School Today?

Learn how to encourage your child to respond and talk about his or her daily activities. Learn how to extend the learning that takes place at your child's school through easy everyday activities that can be done at home.

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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.

About Libraries for LIFE

Building Communities, Enriching Lives

While Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money to build the library facilities; he did not leave an endowment for their ongoing operations and maintenance. Thanks to local, county and state governments, corporations, foundations and individuals, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Libraries for LIFE Capital Campaign is renewing library buildings to meet the needs of today's library customer. In 2000 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh embarked upon a \$55 million capital campaign, the first in the Library's history, to make neighborhood libraries accessible system-wide. Since the campaign began, the Library has renovated or relocated seven neighborhood libraries and completed a partial renovation of the Main Library, First Floor. CLP-Hill District is the seventh library to be completed in the system-wide renewal, and the city's first newly constructed library since 1980. To date, the Library's efforts have resulted in significant investment in Pittsburgh neighborhoods, providing a range of library services and programs for children, teens and adults and facilities that accommodate new collections and 21st century technology.