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## For Immediate Release

# Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Locations without Air Conditioning will Close in the Afternoon as Pittsburgh Experiences Extreme Temperatures

**(Pittsburgh, PA – July 7, 2010)** Pittsburgh's extreme temperatures are forcing four Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations without air conditioning to suspend afternoon service for the next two days. The Library is taking precautions to protect employees and customers.

The following libraries will close at 1 pm today and Thursday, July 8. These locations, except for CLP – Mt. Washington, are already closed on Fridays.

CLP – Lawrenceville  
279 Fisk Street

CLP – Mt. Washington  
315 Grandview Avenue

CLP – South Side  
2205 East Carson Street

CLP – West End  
47 Wabash Avenue

Built between 1898 and 1900 the four libraries are not equipped with air conditioning, making building conditions uncomfortable for customers and staff. While Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money to build Pittsburgh's Main Library in Oakland and eight branch library facilities, he did not leave an endowment for their ongoing operations and maintenance. The Library needs dedicated funding for both capital improvements, such as modern climate control, as well as ongoing operational funding.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh officials will continue to evaluate weather conditions and will make a determination each morning the outside temperature is expected to rise above 90 degrees. Customers are encouraged to visit Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Web site [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) for updates and to locate the closest neighboring library. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh card holders may also borrow and return materials from any Allegheny County library.

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

*Engaging our Community in Literacy and Learning*

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh contributes to the educational attainment, economic development, and cultural enrichment of the region. Through critical services such as early learning programs for children, job search assistance and computer and Internet access, the Library fosters lifelong learning and is a renowned leader among the nation's libraries. With more than 2 million visitors and 3.5 million items borrowed each year, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region's most visited asset and one of the largest public libraries in Pennsylvania. Established in 1895 by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie as a public trust to be funded by the community, the Library derives approximately 90% of its annual operating budget from public or government sources, including the Allegheny County Regional Asset District (RAD), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh.