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## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Releases Update to the Community**

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – April 27, 2010)** Community members interested in helping Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh have a new tool to update them on the Library's progress. Library officials released the organization's first Community Update for 2010 to keep the community informed about important milestones and progress made to-date toward sustainable funding. The April update, available on the Library's Web site ([www.carnegielibrary.org/progress](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/progress)), includes information about table gaming revenue, proposed state budget cuts, the commission of the Public-Private Task Force, as well as advocacy measures in place to ensure sustainability.

In 2009 the Library projected a \$5 million deficit by 2014 and presented an Action Plan to the community, which included service reductions and branch consolidations and closures. Due to one-time stop-gap funding from the City of Pittsburgh, that Action Plan is currently on hold until January 2011 as the Library works to find long-term dedicated funding.

Additional updates are planned throughout the year as the Library works to close the gap between increasing costs and declining revenues.

Community members interested in learning more about Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and how they can help protect Pittsburgh's library system may view the Community Update at [www.carnegielibrary.org/progress](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/progress).

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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.