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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to *Celebrate a New Beginning*

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – East Liberty to open Saturday, August 28 with community celebration.

(PITTSBURGH, PA – August 19, 2010) Pittsburgh residents will help celebrate more than a century of literacy and learning in East Liberty with the re-opening of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's newly renovated location. The two-story LEED-eligible facility boasts unique external architectural features and expanded internal space for library collections and programs.

WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 2010
10 am – 2 pm

Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting 10 am

WHERE: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – East Liberty
130 S. Whitfield Street / 15206

Tours of the library highlighting its renovations and green building attributes will be offered each hour, beginning at 11 am.

Other scheduled activities and performances include:

9:30 am	Schenley High School Marching Band (on Whitfield Street)
10:30 am – 12 pm	Music and Fun with 3WS
11 am	Meteorologist Dennis Bowman, <i>Teaching weather and making it fun</i>
12 pm	Tones of Fun strolling barbershop quartet
12 pm	Otto the Auto, AAA East Central
12:30 – 2:09 pm	WISH Street Treat Team (outside, free treats for 99 minutes)
12:30 – 2 pm	Visit with Smiley, Eat'n Park's Mascot
1 pm	Performance by Hip Hop on L.O.C.K.

CLP – East Liberty's renovated facility holds more than 66,000 items, including books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. The Library also hosts PCs for customer use and offers wireless technology. Unique features of the building include compact shelving for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Heritage Collection, a 150,000 volume collection which includes rare treasures that embody the heritage of Western Pennsylvania, the nation and beyond, as well as a number of green building technologies that will help the Library save more than 35% in future energy costs.

While Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money to build Pittsburgh's library facilities; he did not leave an endowment for their ongoing operations and maintenance. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh relies on public and private support to fund both capital and operating budgets. With a system of aging facilities the Library embarked upon a capital campaign, the first in its history, to provide technological infrastructure, handicapped accessibility,

security systems and climate control, as well as operating efficiency updates throughout the system.

Thanks to local, county and state governments, corporations, foundations and individuals, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Libraries *for* LIFE Capital Campaign reached a \$55 million milestone in 2009. CLP – East Liberty is the tenth completed project since the campaign began. 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.

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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.