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## **Media Alert**

### **168 Days Remain for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to Find Long-Term Solutions to its Funding Crisis**

*Community Workshops Set for this Weekend to Discuss Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Future*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – July 16, 2010)** Community members are invited to attend brainstorming sessions to discuss opportunities that ensure Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh remains operationally and financially healthy. The July workshops are the second set in a series of community meetings for residents to share their priorities and perspectives as Library officials review the ideas gathered from earlier community feedback. Meetings are open to all community members – prior participation in the Library's earlier Community Workshops is not required.

Community Workshops will be held at the following times and locations:

Saturday, July 17 | 10 am – Noon

Stephen Foster Community Center • Lawrenceville • 286 Main Street, 15203

Saturday, July 17 | 2 – 4 pm

Warrington Recreation Center • Beltzhoover/Allentown • 720 Warrington Avenue, 15210

Sunday, July 18 | 2 – 4 pm

CLP – Brookline • 708 Brookline Boulevard, 15226

Monday, July 19 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Union Project • East Liberty • 801 N. Negley Avenue, 15206

City and county residents may attend any or all of the workshops and pre-registration is not required. Community members unable to attend a workshop in person are still able to provide input by submitting feedback to Maggie McFalls, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Community Engagement Coordinator, at [feedback@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:feedback@carnegielibrary.org).

The Library will host a final round of workshops in September to explore potential directions for the future. Community members interested in learning more about Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and how they can help protect Pittsburgh's library system can find additional information and ongoing updates at [www.carnegielibrary.org/future](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/future).

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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.