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Make The Holidays More Memorable With Last Minute Gift Ideas From Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

(PITTSBURGH, PA --- December 22) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has many last-minute holiday gifts that are perfect for the bibliophile or proud Pittsburgher on your shopping list. Proceeds from all sales benefit library service.

Library Logo and Remember Pittsburgh® Merchandise

Customers visiting CLP – Main in Oakland can pick up unique library logo and *Remember Pittsburgh®* merchandise aimed to please even the hard-to-buy-for friend or family member. Gifts include boxed note cards, coasters, hats, stainless steel water bottles, mugs, book socks, magnets and backpacks.

Pittsburgh, A Most Liveable City 2011 Calendar

Containing stunning images of Pittsburgh by local photographer Walt Urbina, the 2011 calendar is available for purchase at the Library Shop at CLP-Main in Oakland, with 40% of the purchase price supporting the Library.

Prepaid Late Fee Card

Give the gift of reading without the worry of late fees! Purchase a Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Prepaid Late Fee Card for only \$10 and use it to cover Library fees for overdue materials. For each \$10 card purchased the Library will add an extra \$1 toward accumulated fines. The Library's Prepaid Late Fee Card is only valid at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations. Please visit www.carnegielibrary.org for participating libraries.

Bookplates

If you have a book lover on your list, think about making a contribution to the Library in their honor. Contributors who make a gift of \$25 or more may elect to have a bookplate inserted in a new book being added to the Library's collection. All tribute gifts will be used to purchase new materials for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Tribute Gifts may be processed through the Library's Web site, www.carnegielibrary.org, or by calling the Library's Office of External & Government Relations at 412.622.6276.

Pittsburgh Photographic Library

The Pittsburgh Photographic Library, containing more than 50,000 prints and negatives relating to Pittsburgh's history, offers a striking view of the city's people, places and events from renowned photographers Roy Stryker, Clyde Hare, Esther Bublely, Elliott Erwitt and Harold Corsini. You can choose any picture from the collection to have printed, framed and matted. While processing can average two weeks, these photographs make great gifts throughout the year for local history junkies or family genealogists. Price lists and policies are available at www.carnegielibrary.org.

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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.