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

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 27, 2010)** For the past nine months Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has been engaging in conversations with the community about options for sustainability. The Library continues to see increased use and circulation of materials. With a broad range of programs and resources, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is critical to community vitality.

Today, the Library released the third in a series of community updates in an ongoing effort to keep the community informed about library issues. The October Community Update, available on the Library's Web site (<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/progress>), includes current information about library funding, community conversations and recent board decisions.

Information included in today's Community Update includes:

- The Library's Public Private Task explored 19 funding options to sustain the CLP system. Three scenarios seem to be the most viable and will undergo further study.
- During its October meeting the Library's Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to proceed with capital plans to renovate CLP – South Side and continue the process of a potential merger of CLP – Carrick and CLP – Knoxville.
- The update includes information about the Library's fundraising and advocacy initiatives. Since 2002, the Library has more than tripled the number of donors from 1420 (2002) to 5081 (2009). The recent PittsburghGives Day of Giving resulted in more than 762 gifts for the library.

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.

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