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## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Releases Poetry Anthology**

Local poets and writers to give readings from *Natural Language: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Sunday Poetry and Reading Series Anthology* during a reception on May 8.

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – April 29, 2010)** To honor the creative work of Pittsburgh's literary talent, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is releasing an anthology of work from its popular Sunday Poetry and Reading Series. *Natural Language: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Sunday Poetry and Reading Series Anthology* includes the poetry and prose of more than 30 academic, experimental and spoken-word Pittsburgh poets and writers. The book was made possible by a donation from the nonprofit group Poets for Humanity.

The Library will celebrate the book's release with a **free reception and readings from local writers on Saturday, May 8 at 2 pm in the International Poetry Room at CLP – Main in Oakland**. Books will be available for purchase for \$10 each with all proceeds directly supporting the continuation of poetry programming at the Library.

*Natural Language: Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Sunday Poetry and Reading Series Anthology* contributing writers include: Nikki Allen, Madalon Amenta, Tess Barry, Margaret Bashaar, Jan Beatty, Deborah Bogen, CM Burroughs, Jay Carson, Kristofer Collins, Jerome Crooks, Jim Daniels, Toi Derricotte, Barbara Edelman, Che Elias, Angele Ellis, Jessica Fenlon, Rebecca Foust, Crystal Hoffman, Jason Irwin, Robert Isenberg, Marc Jampole, Dana Killmeyer, Sophie Klahr, Karen Lillis, Joseph Lyons, Sharon Fagan McDermott, Heather McNaugher, Judith R. Robinson, Richard St. John, Ed Steck, Michelle Stoner, Justin Vicari, Judith Vollmer, Stacey Waite and Michael Wurster. Renée Alberts and Connie Amoroso, library employees and curators of the Sunday Poetry and Reading Series, served as the book's editor and designing editor.

After the release event, the book will be available for sale in the café at CLP – Main in Oakland.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Sunday Poetry and Reading Series, which began in 2007, occurs every third Sunday of the month as part of the Library's Celebrate the Arts Sunday program series and is free to the public. For more information call 412.622.3151 or visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://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.