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## **Community Input Sought for Renovation of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - South Side**

*Community invited to join the conversation during open forum on November 17th.*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – November 11, 2010)** Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will host a community meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 6pm at CLP – South Side, 2205 East Carson Street, to discuss renovation plans for its South Side library. The Library welcomes all area residents and library users to meet the project’s architect, Karen Loysen of Loysen + Kreuthmeier, and make suggestions for future use.

During its quarterly meeting in October, the Library’s Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to proceed with capital plans to renovate the building. The Library is a priority for renovation due to its accessible location, the neighborhood’s status as the third-largest employment center after Downtown and Oakland, and its relatively high visitor count and county use. The renovation of CLP – South Side will be the eleventh project in the Library’s ongoing Libraries *for* LIFE capital campaign. Through the capital campaign, the Library has received restricted funding for building improvements that cannot be used for operating expenses. Currently, \$2.7 million in capital funding is specifically restricted to CLP – South Side. A timeline for the renovation is not yet established, however, the Library will complete the same design and usage process it has done for other renovations, involving anyone in the community who wishes to be a part.

Pre-registration for the community meeting is not required. For more information, please contact Maggie McFalls, Community Engagement Coordinator, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh at 412.622.8877 or [mcfallsm@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:mcfallsm@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.