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**Children’s literature author Megan McDonald brings her characters’
“rad-i-tude” to *Black, White & Read All Over***

(Pittsburgh, Pa.) – Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh are pleased to announce the appearance of Megan McDonald, author of the popular *Judy Moody* series, on Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m., at Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. McDonald opens the eleventh season of *Black, White & Read All Over*, a family author series featuring popular writers of contemporary children’s and teen literature.

Judy Moody, the feisty third-grader with attitude whose mood changes with every best-selling installment of the series, has her very own vocabulary of slang. Rare! (i.e. Judy’s expression of exclamation when she is wowed or impressed.) She and her pesky younger brother Stink made the leap from the pages of their books to the silver screen this past June with the feature film release of *Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer*. We can only imagine what color Judy’s mood ring turned with the excitement of Hollywood fame. Following the success of the *Judy Moody* movie, Megan McDonald returns to Pittsburgh, her hometown, to share personal insights about her writing career and characters.

Megan McDonald grew up in Pittsburgh, the youngest of five sisters, in a household full of storytellers. Her father was an iron worker by trade but developed a reputation for his storytelling prowess and passed down the skill to his daughters. McDonald earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Oberlin College and her Masters in Library Science at the University of Pittsburgh. A former librarian at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, she is now the best-selling author of over 60 children’s books. She lives with her husband in Sebastopol, California.

McDonald’s November 13th event will feature her presentation, an on-stage kids’ panel for questions, an audience Q&A, as well as a book signing and snacks. Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite *Judy Moody* books or even dress up as Judy Moody or Stink—in any mood!

General admission tickets are available online at pittsburghlectures.org, by phone at 412-622-8866, or at the door. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 each for groups of five or more. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., Carnegie Library Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Black, White & Read All Over is presented by Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures in partnership with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Support for the series is provided by UPMC Health Plan and The Grable Foundation. Book sales are provided by Penguin Bookshop, Sewickley.

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About Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures:

Founded in 1991, Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures is a non-profit 501(c)(3) literary, performing arts organization, as designated by the City of Pittsburgh. The unique mission of Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures is to connect world-class authors and their work with the local community and, in doing so, to elevate the quality of civic discourse in Pittsburgh through the presentation and discussion of the universal human values of literature. Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures produces an annual series of literary lectures sponsored by The Drue Heinz Trust. In addition, the organization produces a literary series for children and families in partnership with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, as well as special events featuring niche writers and storytellers, with the purpose of encouraging interest in the lifelong pursuit of reading.

About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh:

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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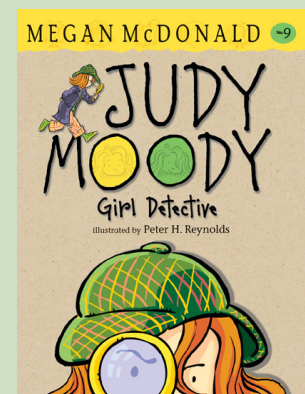
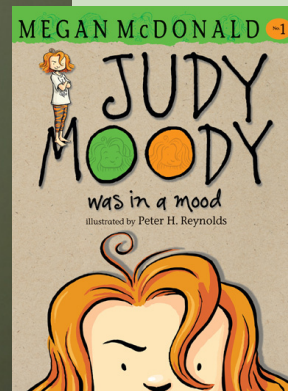
Sunday, November 13th, 2:00 PM
Carnegie Library Lecture Hall
4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
entrance at back of Carnegie complex

Meet your new best friends, Judy Moody and her brother Stink. The popular pair have made the leap from the pages of their books to the silver screen. This November, Megan McDonald brings her characters' *rad-i-tude* to Pittsburgh. *Huzzah!*

TICKETS:

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