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Love is in the Air ... or Not at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Mildly Romantic, Slightly Educational Happy Hour

Library to Host Special After Hours Fundraiser in February

(PITTSBURGH, PA – January 24, 2012) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is throwing a February bash that scorns the tacky heart-shaped cards and dozen long-stem roses that define Valentine's Day during a mildly romantic, slightly educational happy hour event at CLP – Main in Oakland. A live action game Candy Land headlines a fundraising happy hour on Friday, February 10 that includes jazz from the Tony Campbell Trio, a Sweets Showcase of Pittsburgh's finest chocolatiers, private tours of the Library's Special Collections Room, a silent auction of library furniture and romantic cocktails, movies and literature.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main, located at 4400 Forbes Avenue, will reopen after hours for the Happy Hour crowd from 6:30 - 9 pm for *After Hours @ the Library*, a 21 or older event for the romantic, lovesick, happily single, happily coupled, haters and everyone in between. The event benefits the continued operations of the Library. Tickets to the event include:

- Live Action Candy Land - an interactive, unique take on an old classic game. Watch for pitfalls and visit with King Candy and friends! Attendees who make it to the Candy Castle will be eligible for prizes.
- Live jazz featuring celebrated local saxophonist Tony Campbell.
- 7 Minutes in Heaven with Andy – a photo booth starring our favorite cardboard philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.
- Admission to a silent auction of library furniture.
- Exclusive access to the Library's William R. Oliver Special Collections Room where the display will include a rare 17th century manuscript that was hand written by JS Bach; a ledger from The Old Stone Tavern, one of Pittsburgh's oldest buildings; and Andrew Carnegie's correspondence.
- A Sweets Showcase featuring Pittsburgh candy shops and bakeries, including: The Chocolate Moose, The Gingerbread Shop, The Goodie Truck, Pittsburgh Marshmallow Factory and Toffee Taboo by Sendall Chocolates among others.
- Specialty drinks courtesy of Full Pint Brewing and Wigle Whiskey.
- A display of CLP's most romantic (or not) items, including romance novels, steamy DVDs and dating advice books.

Tickets are available in advance for \$25 until February 8 and may be purchased online at www.carnegielibrary.org/afterhours or by calling 412.622.6502. A limited supply of tickets will be available at the door on February 10 for \$30. Proceeds benefit Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. *After Hours @ the Library* is sponsored by 91.3FM WYEP.

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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.