



Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

June—July 2003

Capital Improvement Update Community Hard Hat Tour, July 26

Join us on Saturday July 26 to walk through the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh—Homewood and see the many changes taking place!

In February 2003, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh began the rehabilitation and renovation of our Homewood location. The magnificent changes to the library resulted from a year long planning process with the community residents and library users.

During these past few months much work has been taking place on the interior and exterior of the building. The mezzanine, added in the 1970's was removed, opening up the main floor. The large "circ desk" will be relocated and Homewood Hall (the grand hall

of the library) will house the African American collection. The children's room will be colorful, fun and filled with lots of activities for kids.

The auditorium is receiving a complete face lift, with new & comfortable seating, state of the art sound / video equipment and air-conditioning!

One of the most important additions will be the new elevator that will allow for easy access to the auditorium, first floor and second floor of the library. The second floor (once a caretakers apartment) will be converted into meeting rooms and wired for a "mobile computer classroom" that will allow for computer training.

Throughout the past months, our

librarians— manager, Joyce Broadus and children's librarian Caralee Sommerer have been visiting organizations, groups, senior centers, day cares, schools and camps to bring the library to the community! Book clubs and talks, film series, book and poetry bingos, jazz night, information on health, story times and family programs are just a sampling of what continues to happen in the neighborhoods of Homewood, East Hills, North Point Breeze, Point Breeze and parts of Lincoln, Lemington and Belmar.

If you'd like one of the librarians to visit your program, help you design a reading list or speak to your organization, please contact them at 412.731.3080

Schedule

Jazz on the Steps
June & July
Every Wednesday
6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Holy Rosary School
Bring your children, family, friends and enjoy!

Community Hard Hat Tour
Carnegie Library of
Pittsburgh—Homewood
Saturday July 26
10:00 AM and 10:30 AM
7101 Hamilton Avenue

Library News

Don't forget to call your elected officials! As you may have heard, state funding for libraries was reduced 50% for the 2003-2004 funding year.

This cut in funding means that the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system will lose a total of \$2.4 million dollars in operating costs! This reduction in funding, effective July 1, will impact the library in several ways such as a reduction in hours and eliminating Sunday hours at the Main Library in Oak-

land and in Squirrel Hill.

We hope that some or all of the funding will be restored in a supplemental budget to be considered shortly. Please call your local representative now and ask to have full funding restored to libraries!

Representative Joe Preston-
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412.361.3692

Senator Jim Ferlo - ferlo@dem.
pasen.gov or 412.621.3006

Join the Summer Reading Fun!

Children, teens and adults can sign up for the summer reading program. The program encourages reading for enjoyment throughout the summer months. Studies have shown that children who read during the summer maintain or improve their reading skills when they return to school in the fall. You can register with the library online at www.carnegielibrary.org or contact your library at 412.731.3080

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