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**For Immediate Release**

***Andrew Carnegie* Author David Nasaw  
Begins Book Tour at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 12, 2006)** Celebrated historian David Nasaw will debut his new biography, *Andrew Carnegie*, at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Mr. Nasaw's lecture on October 24 begins at 7:00 pm at the Main Library in Oakland and will be followed by a book signing.

Using historic documentation, including materials found in Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania and Oliver Room collection, *Andrew Carnegie* uncovers how the steel magnate made his early fortune and what prompted him to give it all away. Considered every bit as wealthy as his modern counterparts, Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, Carnegie spent most of his life trying to figure out why he, the penniless son of a failed Scottish weaver, ended up a millionaire.

Among the interesting facts Mr. Nasaw will address in his lecture:

- Carnegie was roughly 4 feet 11 inches tall and did everything he could to disguise this fact.
- He retired from full-time business in his late thirties and spent the rest of his business career working only a few hours every morning. He thought all Americans worked too hard and preached the virtues of long, long vacations (at the same time that he established twelve-hour workdays in his steel mills).
- He took up golf in his seventies and became a self-professed fanatic.
- His greatest personal failure, he believed, was his inability to give away his fortune during his lifetime. He was a victim of compound interest. His fortune grew faster than he could give it away.

Known as a meticulous researcher and cool analyst, Mr. Nasaw is the winner of the Bancroft Prize for History, the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize, the Ambassador Book Prize for Biography, and a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist for his earlier work, *The Chief: The Life of William Randolph Hearst*. Currently, he is a distinguished professor of history and Director for the Humanities at the City University of New York Graduate Center.

Mr. Nasaw's lecture on October 24 is free and open to the public, although a \$5 donation is suggested. For information please call (412) 622-3114 or visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org).

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