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## For Immediate Release

# Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Beechview Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Community invited to a "Back to the 60's" Open House on October 20 to commemorate milestone*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 12, 2007)** Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) – Beechview will host an open house on Saturday October 20 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm to celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The open house, complete with a "Back to the 60's" theme will give visitors a taste of what life was like when the Beechview Library opened its doors in 1967.

During the Open House, the community will be treated to:

- Music from local DJ Rockin' Bob who will play favorite hits from the 60's;
- Raffles, including books about the 60's, for children, teens, and adults;
- Ghostly tales and rare stories about Pittsburgh, courtesy of master storyteller Alan Irvine;
- A teen Rock-Hop with various games from the 60's; and
- Refreshments.

Beechview was the seventeenth neighborhood location to open in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system. The building, located at 1910 Broadway Avenue in the heart of Beechview, is located at the former site of the Beth El Synagogue. Purchased by then Pittsburgh Mayor Joseph M. Barr in 1965, the synagogue was razed to make way for the new library. Groundbreaking for the building was held on June 23, 1966, and the doors opened for public service one year later.

Audrey Iacone, Manager of CLP - Beechview calls the Library "Pittsburgh's best kept secret." The community is invited to see why during this blast from the past Open House. Please visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org), or call 412.563.2900 for additional information.

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## About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

*Building Communities, Enriching Lives*

Established as a public trust in 1895, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County with a distinguished history of leadership among the country's great public libraries. Through its 19 neighborhood locations, including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region's most visited asset. Each year the Library provides more than 8,000 free programs, classes and other learning and training opportunities that are tailored to meet the dynamic and diverse needs of people living in Western Pennsylvania.