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For Immediate Release

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Celebrates Black History Month

(PITTSBURGH, PA – January 18, 2007) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) plans to celebrate Black History Month with a variety of special events in February. Each of CLP's library locations will honor the work of African American authors, artists and musicians with a host of free programs for children, teen, adult and families.

Selected events include:

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Harambee Read Aloud: Celebrate Black History Month with Reading, Dancing and Drumming

CLP – Homewood

7101 Hamilton Avenue

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the August Wilson Center for African American Culture proudly present the Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble's drummers for an evening of reading, dancing and drumming that the whole family will enjoy.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

African Drumming Workshop Presented by UMOJA African Arts Company

CLP – East Liberty

130 South Whitfield Street

Children ages 8 – 12 years old are invited to participate in this workshop to learn traditional and neo-traditional African dance, drumming and storytelling.

Friday, February 16, 2007

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Fiction, Film & Fun

CLP - Main, First Floor

4400 Forbes Avenue

Join Jeanne Bergad to discuss the novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and screen the film it inspired. The screening will take place in the Director's Conference Room.

Saturday, February 24, 2007

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Black History Month Book Club

CLP -- Hill District

419 Dinwiddie Street

Participants are invited to discuss *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Sunday, February 25, 2007

2:00 PM

Going to Nicodemus

CLP – Main, Children’s

4400 Forbes Avenue

This program celebrates Black History month by teaching about the former slaves who traveled to and settled Nicodemus, Kansas, the only African American community of its time. Participants of all ages are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

12:15 PM

Film (58 minutes): *One Shot: The Life and Work of Teenie Harris*

CLP – Downtown and Business

612 Smithfield Street

The viewing of this film provides an insight into the lives of the Hill District community that local celebrity, Teenie Harris, captured in his photographs from the 1930s to the 1970s.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

6:30 PM

Tales from the Heart--An Evening with Temujin the Storyteller

CLP - Main, Children’s

4400 Forbes Avenue

This program kicks off the Library’s *Stories Alive* storytelling program. Families are invited to hear tales from Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas.

For more information or to locate an event at your favorite neighborhood library, visit the CLP website at www.carnegielibrary.org.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

“Free to the People” since 1895

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 6,000 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.