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The Library is Now Open Earlier! Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Extends Hours

(PITTSBURGH, PA – January 24, 2007) Effective February 4, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) is extending hours of operation at nine neighborhood locations. Library customers will gain an additional twenty four hours a week of service thanks to increased funding from the Allegheny Regional Asset Board. Neighborhoods benefiting from the increase include Brookline, Carrick, East Liberty, Hazelwood, Homewood, Knoxville, Lawrenceville, Mount Washington and Woods Run.

“Our customers continue to identify longer hours as the primary way we can enhance their library experience,” said Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Director. “We took a hard look at our hours of operation across the system and made adjustments that better align with how the community uses our libraries.”

In addition to increased hours at several locations, CLP has realigned the hours of operation at three libraries (Beechview, Hill District and South Side). The minimal changes maintain the same number of service hours, but provide consistent scheduling for customer convenience.

A decrease in state funding caused library hours to be cut in 2002. Even with reduced hours of operation CLP continues to be the region’s most visited asset. In 2006 more than 2.3 million people visited one of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s 19 locations, a 24% increase over 2005 statistics.

The Allegheny Regional Asset District was created in 1993 and is tasked with distributing the 1% Allegheny County Sales Tax. One-half of the tax is allocated to libraries, parks, cultural and civic entities, and sports facilities. The other half goes directly to Allegheny County and the municipal governments for tax reform, support of intergovernmental cooperation programs and general government operations.

“The added hours will not bring us back to the same level we provided in 2002, but this is positive first step,” added Mistick. “As more of our locations are renovated, we are finding that people become engaged and rediscover their neighborhood library. The Asset District’s Board of Directors understands that a strong library system is the key to a successful region. We are grateful that we are able to use the additional dollars to keep the library open longer.”

A complete list of the new hours is found below. Customers may also visit www.carnegielibrary.org for hours and locations.

Add 1

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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Hours of Operation

Effective: February 4, 2007

Beechview (change, no addition) Sunday Closed Monday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (no change) Sunday Closed Monday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday Closed
Brookline (added hours) Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Lawrenceville (added hours) Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Carrick (added hours) Sunday Closed Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Main (no change) Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Downtown & Business (no change) Sunday Closed Monday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Saturday Closed	Mount Washington (added hours) Sunday Closed Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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<p>East Liberty (added hours)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Sheraden (no change)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Hazelwood (added hours)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>South Side (change, no addition)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Hill District (change, no addition)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Squirrel Hill (no change)</p> <p>Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Homewood (added hours)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>West End (no change)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Knoxville (added hours)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Woods Run (added hours)</p> <p>Sunday Closed Monday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday Closed Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>

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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.