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## For Immediate Release

# What Everyone is Reading in April

*Panel Discussion and Poverty Simulation Round Out Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Events to Tackle the Issues of Poverty and Homelessness*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 19, 2007)** Allegheny County's *One Book, One Community* program begins this April, bringing communities together to read a chosen book, engage in stimulating discussions and challenge stereotypes. In cooperation with the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA), Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) will host a series of events to tackle the issues of poverty and homelessness that are central to this year's books, *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls (adult selection) and *Money Hungry*, by Sharon Flake (teen selection).

In keeping with this year's theme, CLP is presenting book discussions, a film screening and events to engage the community. Two key events designed to facilitate dialogue about the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness are planned: a panel discussion on poverty at CLP – Main in Oakland on April 24 at 6:00 pm and a poverty simulation on April 28 from 1-4 pm in partnership with Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners and The Union Project.

"Libraries play a critical role in promoting conversations around issues that impact our communities," said Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Director. "Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh sees the great potential of bringing people with varying viewpoints together to express their ideas in a constructive and meaningful way."

*One Book, One Community* originated in Seattle, Washington in 1996 as a program to generate a discussion on various public issues. Designed to promote civic discourse and literacy, *One Book, One Community* creates a community of readers with a shared desire to read, write and exchange ideas. The goal of *One Book, One Community* in Allegheny County is to build a better community through reading and civic discourse.

### ***CLP Schedule of Events:***

Saturday, March 31 (4:00 PM)  
Book Signing: Sharon Flake, author of *Money Hungry*  
Barnes and Noble – Waterfront

Thursday, April 5 (11:30 AM)  
Presentation: Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*  
Macy's Auditorium - Downtown

Thursday, April 5 (7:00 PM)  
Book Signing: Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*  
Joseph Beth Booksellers – South Side Works

Tuesday, April 24 (6:00 PM)  
Panel Discussion on Poverty in Pittsburgh

CLP – Main, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Quiet Reading Room

Saturday, April 28 (1:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Poverty Simulation <http://www.psvp.org/Events/povertysimulation.html>

The Union Project, 801 North Negley Ave, Pittsburgh, PA, 15206

<http://www.unionproject.org/Home>

***Film Viewing and Discussion of a New Release Movie About Homelessness***

Saturday, April 14 (1:00 PM)

CLP – Knoxville

Wednesday, April 25 (6:00 PM)

CLP – Main, Director's Conference Room

***Book Discussions:***

Monday, April 9 (5:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – Lawrenceville

Wednesday, April 11 (1:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – Knoxville

Saturday, April 14 (1:00 PM) - *Money Hungry Teen* Book Discussion

CLP – Mt. Washington

Monday, April 16 (6:00 PM) - Monday Evening Book Discussion, *The Glass Castle*

CLP – Brookline

Wednesday, April 18 (1:00 PM) - Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion, *The Glass Castle*

CLP – Brookline

Thursday, April 19 (6:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – West End

Monday, April 23 (5:00 PM) - *Money Hungry Teen* Book Discussion

CLP – Knoxville

Wednesday, April 25 (6:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – Mt. Washington

Thursday, April 26 (1:00 PM & 6:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – Main; 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Large Print Room

Thursday, April 26 (6:00 PM) - *The Glass Castle*\_Book Discussion

CLP – Sheraden

Saturday, April 28 (3:00 pm) - Are you a Money Hungry Teen?

CLP – Beechview:

For additional information contact Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh at 412-622-3114 or visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org).

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