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It's "Lights, Camera, Action!" For Area Teens

*Aspiring Filmmakers Find Their Voice at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's
Free Media Arts and Literacy Class*

(PITTSBURGH, PA – September 12, 2007) – Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) is searching for aspiring filmmakers. Interested middle or high school students are invited to participate in the Library's free *Teen Arts and Literacy Video Workshop Series*. Classes begin on September 30 at CLP – Main in Oakland and will run for twelve consecutive weeks.

Students have the ability to pick and choose which classes they prefer to attend from among those offered. Everyone interested must attend the initial session, where prospective students will be introduced to the class and receive hands-on instruction to the video production equipment. No previous video production experience is necessary.

Intro to Cameras and Computers

Sunday, September 30 (1 pm)

Participants will learn the basics of handling digital video cameras and editing software.

Shooting Real Life Actualities

Sunday, October 7 & 14 (1 pm)

Actualities are video of events as they happen. Participants will learn to train their camera at the world and edit moments for maximum impact.

Getting Sound

Sunday, October 21 & 22 (1 pm)

Participants will learn to direct sound and use the camera's built-in microphone to capture sound. Each student will also get a taste of using sound effects in the editing process to create things not entirely of this world!

Video Effects and Compositing

Sunday, November 4 & 11 (1 pm)

In this workshop participants will be warping and arranging videos.

Animation: Breathing Life into the Everyday

Sunday, November 18 & 25 (1pm)

Small objects will come alive through the use of animation.

Video Installation and Live-action Video

Sunday, December 2 & 9 (1pm)

This advanced workshop uses special software to create video that responds to its environment. Participants will learn to use things, such as Wii controllers, to affect video in real time.

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Through the *Teen Media Arts and Literacy Video Workshop Series*, CLP hopes to inspire teens to use media to articulate their own experiences, voices and worldviews. "In this digital age, the process of making video media is so much more accessible. These workshops will help students pursue their goals for both personal and professional purposes," says Joseph Wilk, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Teen Librarian and Media Class Program Manager.

The Library's *Teen Media Arts and Literacy Video Workshop Series* is made possible through a grant from Commonwealth Libraries, Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA), and PNC Bank. The funding enabled CLP to purchase an assortment of media production equipment, including mini-DV camcorders and tapes, advanced tripods, video production software, Mac G5 workstations and condenser microphones. Teens interested in filmmaking may also borrow materials through the Library's reference collection of popular and historic visual media.

The Library limits the number of media class program participants in order to provide individualized attention. Students are chosen for the class based on a first come, first served basis. However, the classes are designed in particular for those who have not had access to video and other media resources in the past. Registration for classes is required. For details and registration, please contact Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Teen Services at 412-622-3121.

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