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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Welcomes New Deputy Director
Mary Frances Cooper brings a lifetime of experience to Library

(PITTSBURGH, PA – May 27, 2008) Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President & Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh announced the appointment of Mary Frances Cooper as the Library’s new Deputy Director. Ms. Cooper will assume the responsibility for overseeing the direction of the Library’s Main and Neighborhood Library Services, Youth Services, Teen Services, Volunteer Services and Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

“After an extensive national search we have identified a leader in the national library arena to serve as our Deputy Director,” says Mistick. “Mary Frances’ understanding and experience in the operations of modern urban public libraries are sure to serve Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and its customers well.”

With a broad range of professional library experience, Ms. Cooper is uniquely qualified to provide leadership and direction to the operations of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She has served as Assistant Director of the Louisville Free Public Library (KY), Chief of Central Library Services at the Minneapolis Public Library (MN), and most recently, Deputy Director of Public Services at The Branch Libraries at New York Public Library (NY). Previous roles also include Coordinator of Technical Services; Reference Librarian; Branch Head; and Head, Reference and Reader Services in libraries in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Active in state and national library associations, Ms. Cooper has served on numerous boards and commissions in the cities in which she has lived.

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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.

About Libraries *for* LIFE

While Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money to build the library facilities; he did not leave an endowment for their ongoing operations and maintenance. Thanks to local, county and state government, corporations, foundations and individuals, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Libraries *for* LIFE Capital Campaign is renewing library buildings to meet the needs of today’s library customer. In 2000 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh embarked upon a \$55 million capital campaign, the first in the Library’s history, to make neighborhood libraries accessible system-wide. Since the campaign began, the Library has renovated or relocated six neighborhood libraries and completed a partial renovation of the Main Library, First Floor. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality, with all locations benefiting from increased visitor and circulation numbers.