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## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District Prepares for New Home**

*Saturday, September 13 marks last day of service at Dinwiddie Street location*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – September 8, 2008)** In preparation of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District’s relocation to its new building, the current library housed at 419 Dinwiddie Street will close at 5p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Staff will then begin to transfer library materials to a new facility at 2177 Center Avenue at Kirkpatrick Street.

The new Hill District Library is the city’s first newly constructed library in 28 years. It is the seventh library to be completed in Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s system-wide renewal through its Libraries for LIFE capital campaign. The Library will welcome its first customers in October. To commemorate this momentous occasion Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will host a free community celebration on Saturday, October 25 from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. Dubbed *We’re All Jazzed Up!*, the festivities will include free entertainment, tours, activities and family fun.

During this brief transition Hill District customers are encouraged to visit neighboring Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations, including:

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Downtown & Business  
612 Smithfield Street

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main  
4400 Forbes Avenue

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – South Side  
2205 East Carson Street.

Customers may visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) for more information, or to locate other neighboring libraries. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh card holders may also borrow and return materials from any Allegheny County library.

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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. CLP-Hill District is the seventh library to be completed in the system-wide renewal, and the city's first newly constructed library since 1980. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality, with all locations benefiting from increased visitor and circulation numbers.