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Pittsburgh Penguins Trivia Giving You Brain Freeze? Ask a Librarian!

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has the answers you need to keep you off of thin ice

(PITTSBURGH, PA – May 27, 2008) Getting trounced in a round of sports trivia can feel like getting checked on the open ice – so don't get left out in the cold, ask a librarian! As the Stanley Cup finals continue, fans across the country will turn to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Reference Services Department to answer their toughest hockey-related questions. Each year Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh librarians sort through complex information to answer more than 1,279,479 customer questions, including:

- How many times have the Penguins brought home the Stanley Cup?
- Who scored the first goal at Mellon Arena?
- What's the fastest slap shot ever recorded?
- What exactly does a *Zamboni* do?

Known for its great sports teams, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is also home to the region's largest collection of reference materials. The Library's Ready Reference Unit alone answers close to 5,000 questions every month, offering straightforward answers ranging from Sidney Crosby's point record to the temperature in Mellon Arena. Ready Reference directs the more detailed questions to an appropriate reference specialist who, on average, will research the answer within 48 hours.

If you haven't watched a Pens game since Jaromir Jagr wore the Captain's jersey, it's time to catch up, and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh can help. The Library's resident sports specialists have also created an online list of interesting hockey books, videos and resources for die-hard Penguins enthusiasts at www.carnegielibrary.org.

Pittsburghers looking to dazzle their friends with the answers to burning Penguins trivia during the upcoming Stanley Cup finals can "Ask a Librarian" for assistance. Fans can submit their questions online at www.carnegielibrary.org/ask, contact the Library's Ready Reference Unit at 412.622.3114 or stop in any Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh neighborhood location.

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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.