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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Two-Day Celebration Planned in Honor of Pittsburgh’s Newest Library**  
*Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Allegheny set to open August 28-29 in grand style.*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – August 18, 2009)** The Rivers Casino, hotels, townhomes and restaurants aren’t the only new things popping up in the North Side. Residents will be able to celebrate the opening of a brand new library! With the assistance of local community groups, neighbors and elected officials, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will cut the ribbon to its newest neighborhood location, CLP - Allegheny, with a two-day celebration (August 28 & 29, 2009) complete with tours, storytimes, crafts, activities and a fundraiser for the library. Located at 1230 Federal Street, CLP – Allegheny will serve as a crucial link to literacy, resources and information, as well as a catalyst for continued economic development.

Patricia and Dan Rooney and Greta and Art Rooney II will co-chair a champagne luncheon fundraiser on Friday, August 28 from 11:30 am – 2 pm to toast the success of the city’s newest, energy-efficient building. Tickets are \$250 with all proceeds benefiting Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Libraries for LIFE Capital Campaign. A limited number of tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling the Library’s Development Office at 412.622.6276.

A free, open celebration for neighbors to enjoy their new library will take place on Saturday, August 29.

*Come Home to Your New Library  
Community Celebration  
CLP - Allegheny  
Saturday, August 29  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
1230 Federal Street*

Beginning at 9:45 AM, area residents are encouraged to gather outside the library to kick-off the festivities with the Hip-Hop on L.O.C.K. Project. As the last book is carried across the threshold and placed on the shelf by a local youth, the new library will officially open for business. Events for the Library’s opening day include tours, crafts, music, a balloon twister, storytimes, a live broadcast and story time with Sheri Van Dyke of 3WS radio and a visit from the WSHH radio Street Treat Team.

Schedule of events:

Hip-Hop on L.O.C.K. Project	9:45 AM
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Speeches	10:15 AM
Final Book Carried into the New Library	10:40 AM
Music and Storytime with Sheri Van Dyke from 94.5 3WS	10:45 AM
Ortner-Roberts Duo	11:30 AM
Storytime with Amir Rashidd	12:00 PM
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	1:00 PM

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## Two-Day Celebration Planned in Honor of Pittsburgh's Newest Library

For the past three years North Side community members have worked with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to plan and design a new library building after a lightning strike caused severe damage to the neighborhood's existing library. The successful completion the library comes at an important time with library use rising during the nation's economic downturn. By offering free education, entertainment, job and career resources and key tools for success, the library is essential for residents of all economic statuses and ages. These resources create a welcoming space in which neighbors can enjoy their blossoming community.

For more information on this free event, please visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org).

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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**

*Building Communities, Enriching Lives*

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 governments, 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 eight neighborhood libraries and completed a partial renovation of the Main Library, First Floor. CLP-Allegheny is the eighth library to be completed in the system-wide renewal, and the city's second newly constructed library since 1980. To date, the Library's efforts have resulted in significant investment in Pittsburgh neighborhoods, providing a range of library services and programs for children, teens and adults and facilities that accommodate new collections and 21st century technology.

### **About Libraries *for* LIFE**

*Sustaining our Future*

In 2009 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh began a community dialogue to engage the region's citizens in protecting the long-term sustainability of the City's library system.