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American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. Contributes to Success of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Capital Campaign

Leading Lifestyle Retailer Makes \$150,000 Donation for New Library Spaces

(Pittsburgh – June 17, 2009) Recognizing the important role of libraries in the Pittsburgh region, American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. donated \$150,000 to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Capital Campaign. The gift will support new Library spaces that encourage teens and young adults to use and enjoy the Library's many resources.

The gift from the Pittsburgh-based retailer comes at a critical time, as the Library continues to encourage businesses and individuals to help reach the \$55 million milestone of its Library's *for LIFE* capital campaign.

"We are very close to reaching the \$55 million goal for this part of our campaign," says Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's President and Director. "This leadership-level gift from American Eagle demonstrates the broad support for libraries among our corporate community. Corporate support is essential to the success of the Library's ongoing fundraising efforts."

American Eagle Outfitters made the gift as part of the state's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). The NAP program provides tax credits to businesses who partner with community based organizations to improve distressed neighborhoods.

"AEO understands the importance of supporting our city's libraries, as they provide crucial services across a broad spectrum of the community," said Joan Hilson, Chief Financial Officer, American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. "In addition to supporting youth development, one of American Eagle's core company values, today's libraries are vibrant community anchors that drive economic and social advancement. We are very proud to be able to support such a valuable community resource."

All gifts from businesses and individuals are currently being matched by a \$1 million challenge grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

To Engage our Community in Literacy and Learning

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, with 2.6 million visitors in 2008. Each year the Library provides valuable resources, programs, classes and training opportunities that engage the community in literacy, and life-long learning.

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 seven 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. 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 American Eagle Outfitters

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