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Teens Go “Behind the Books” at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 18, 2009) Local teens will have the opportunity to interact with several renowned authors during Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* lecture series. Contemporary authors, Libba Bray, Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg will visit the Library to discuss their writing process, answer questions and explore the themes and issues prevalent in their books. Funded by a grant from the PPG Industries Foundation, *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* was developed with the help of teens and young adults who are one of the highest users of libraries. More than 70% of Pittsburgh city residents between the ages of 13 – 36 have a Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh card, accounting for nearly one fourth of the Library’s cardholders.

All *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* lectures are free and include:

Libba Bray

Thursday, April 16 (7 PM)
CLP – Squirrel Hill / 5801 Forbes Avenue

Libba Bray’s Gemma Doyle Trilogy (*A Great and Terrible Beauty*, *Rebel Angels*, *The Sweet Far Thing*) tells the story of a group of young women at a Victorian boarding school – if Victorian boarding schools involved demons, magic and the supernatural. A Texan living in New York City, Ms. Bray loves being scared, and she uses tension and atmosphere to great effect in her novels. She will discuss her books, her writing process and more.

Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg

Thursday, May 14 (7 PM)
CLP – Main, Multipurpose Room A / 4400 Forbes Avenue

Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg, co-creators of *Plain Janes* and *Janes in Love*, will discuss their author/artist collaboration as well as their individual works.

A Pittsburgh native, Jim Rugg is also the co-creator of *Street Angel* and the *Afrodisiac*. His work has appeared in *New York Magazine*, *Project: Superior*, *Project: Romantic*, *SPX2005*, *Popgun*, *Meathaus*, *VH1* and the *Society of Illustrators Annual*.

Cecil Castellucci wrote her first novel, *Boy Proof*, in 2005 and has published two additional novels, *The Queen of Cool* and *Beige*. In addition to writing novels and graphic novels, Cecil is a filmmaker, a screenwriter and an indie rock musician.

Space at each lecture is limited. To register, please visit www.carnegielibrary.org or call 412.578.2599.

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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.