



Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Fact Sheet

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) has been a venerable presence in the Pittsburgh region for 114 years. At the core of Andrew Carnegie's objective in donating \$1 million to construct a Main Library and seven branches at the turn of the 20th century was his intent to "bring books and information to ordinary people" at no cost to individuals or families. Today, with 19 neighborhood locations including the Main Library and Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) is just as dedicated to that idea: "People from every walk of life should have equal and ready access to the world of information."

- The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system comprises 19 neighborhood locations within the City of Pittsburgh, including the Main Library in Oakland and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves customers well beyond the borders of the City. In fact, CLP reaches customers in nearly every ZIP Code in Allegheny County.
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region's most-visited asset with more than 2 million people visiting annually. That's more than 6,000 visitors each day.
- More than half of the City's residents and nearly one out of every five residents of Allegheny County have a CLP card.
- More than seven of every ten residents of the City of Pittsburgh between the ages of 25 and 36 and nearly seven of ten residents aged 13-24 have a library card.
- The Library's collection boasts more than 5 million items, including books, government documents, audiovisual materials, children's materials and foreign language materials.
- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is one of 29 District Library Centers and serves all public libraries in Allegheny County. One catalog and one library card provide the citizens of Allegheny County with free access to books, audiovisual materials and resources from 73 county libraries.
- Last year the Library's Shipping Department moved more than 4.3 million items among the 73 libraries in Allegheny County that CLP serves.
- In conjunction with the role Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh plays as a District Library Center, Carnegie Library is also designated as one of only four state-wide resource centers in Pennsylvania that maintain major research collections and are tasked with providing specialized materials and services to all Pennsylvania residents.
- Annually, CLP generates more than \$132 million in economic return and value to the community. During its current capital improvement program, the numbers are even higher due to jobs and spending generated by renovations and construction.
- The library provides more than \$75 worth of benefits per capita for every resident of Allegheny County.