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A Book for Every Young Child

(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 23, 2008) If you were a penguin you could “fly underwater,” “sing a duet,” “make funny faces,” and “get really wet.” This April, children visiting Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will be able to explore the exciting life of penguins through Pennsylvania’s One Book, Every Young Child program. The 2009 selection, *If You Were a Penguin*, by Wendell and Florence Minor, uses rhyme, vivid pictures and action words to help children explore the exciting life of penguins.

On Saturday, April 4 a surprise guest reader will help Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh kick off the Library’s One Book, Every Young Child festivities during PenguinFest. From 11 am – 1 pm the Childrens’ Department at CLP – East Liberty, 130 S. Whitfield Street, will transform into a penguin encounter where children will learn fun and interesting facts about penguins through crafts, activities and games.

In addition, all CLP neighborhood locations will host their own free events throughout the month. During each event, children’s librarians will read *If You Were a Penguin* and provide book-related activities, games, stories and crafts for children.

Schedule of Events:

All events are free, but require advance registration. For more information visit www.carnegielibrary.org or call 412.622.3114.

PenguinFest

Saturday, April 4

11:00 – 1:00 PM CLP East Liberty / 130 S. Whitfield Street

We’re kicking off *One Book, Every Young Child* with an event so big we are bringing in a surprise guest reader to help us! Bring the whole family for penguin crafts, activities and to meet our special guest.

Presented in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children.

Thursday, April 2

10:00 AM CLP – Sheraden / 720 Sherwood Avenue

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 AM CLP – West End / 47 Wabash Avenue

Thursday, April 9

11:00 AM CLP – Lawrenceville / 279 Fisk Street

Saturday, April 11

11:00 AM CLP – Squirrel Hill / 5801 Forbes Avenue

1:00 PM CLP – Carrick / 1811 Brownsville Road

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Monday, April 13

6:00 PM CLP – Squirrel Hill / 5801 Forbes Avenue

Wednesday, April 15

10:30 AM CLP – Main / 4400 Forbes Avenue

1:00 PM CLP – Hill District / 2177 Centre Avenue at Kirkpatrick Street

Thursday, April 16

11:00 AM CLP – Mt. Washington / 315 Grandview Avenue

Friday, April 17

10:00 AM CLP – Downtown and Business / 612 Smithfield Street

Saturday, April 18

11:30 AM CLP – South Side / 2205 East Carson Street

2:00 PM CLP – Beechview / 1910 Broadway Avenue

2:00 PM CLP – Hazelwood / 4901 Second Avenue

Monday, April 20

10:30 AM CLP – Woods Run / 1201 Woods Run Avenue

Tuesday, April 21

11:00 AM CLP – Homewood / 7101 Hamilton Ave

Saturday, April 25

11:00 AM CLP – East Liberty / 130 S. Whitfield Street

12:30 PM CLP – Brookline / 708-710 Brookline Boulevard

1:00 PM CLP – Knoxville / 400 Brownsville Road

Pennsylvania's *One Book, Every Young Child* initiative raises awareness of early literacy development in preschoolers. This program facilitates the relationship between adults and children by providing them with opportunities to read aloud together, share stories and books and other related activities. There will be author visits throughout the state as well as library and museum programming to support this initiative. Now in its fourth year, *One Book, Every Young Child* provides free books to children through childcare centers, Head Start programs and libraries to encourage parents and adults to actively engage young children in reading.

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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.