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Award-Winning Author and Illustrator Steven Kellogg To Speak at Family Author Series at Carnegie Library

March 5, 2009.... **Steven Kellogg** knows how to entertain his audience. The award-winning author and illustrator has written and illustrated well over 100 books, but he is perhaps best known to young readers for his hilarious adventures of Pinkerton, the Great Dane. On **Saturday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m.**, Kellogg shares his humorous stories and brings his new book *The Pied Piper's Magic*, when he talks to his young readers at **Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland**. Kellogg's appearance is part of the ***Black, White & Read All Over*** series, a family author series presented by Carnegie Library and Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures.

Children and parents are drawn to Kellogg's work for its humorous text and action-filled drawings. A *Publisher's Weekly* reviewer explains, "one reason for the popularity Kellogg enjoys is that children sense he's laughing with them when they explore his tenderly comic, always surprising stories and pictures."

A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and American University, Steven Kellogg began his artistic career illustrating other authors' work. His own first children's book, *The Wicked Kings of Bloon*, was published in 1970. In 1974 Kellogg published *The Mystery of the Missing Red Mitten*, a book that was so successful that other "color mysteries" were added to the series. *Pinkerton, Behave!*, a book inspired by the author's own Great Dane, led to several more tales about the rambunctious dog and his ever-patient family. Kellogg has also written and illustrated a popular series of adaptations of American legends, such as Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill and Johnny Appleseed. Kellogg's work has won many distinguished awards from educators, librarians, publishers, and booksellers' professional associations.

Now in its eighth season, *Black, White & Read All Over* is Pittsburgh's popular family and children's book series that features appearances by America's most beloved children's authors and illustrators. BWR promotes family literacy and encourages children to read and have fun with it.

This fun-filled series is held on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at the Carnegie Library Lecture Hall in Oakland. Join each guest for a lively presentation and afterwards enjoy a book signing and refreshments, a custom at all *Black, White & Read All Over* Saturday morning programs.

Black, White & Read All Over is a production of Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures in partnership with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. The series is underwritten by UPMC Health Plan. Adult \$10, Child \$8, group discount for 5 or more is \$7 each. To order, call Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures, 412-622-8866. To order online and for more information, www.pittsburghlectures.org

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