



Contact:  
Suzanne M. Thinnes  
Communications Manager  
4400 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412.578.2458 (office)  
412.983.9409 (cell)

**For Immediate Release**

## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Elects Board of Trustees Members**

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – July 27, 2009)** Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Board of Trustees announces the appointment of two new members. Their differing experiences in business, specifically accounting and medical management, will help shape the region’s library service. Both members were elected to serve a two-year term.

**Robert J. Kollar, CPA, MBA** is director of the Master of Accountancy Program and an assistant professor of accounting at Duquesne University’s Palumbo-Donahue School of Business. A graduate of the Leadership Pittsburgh program (Class XIV), Mr. Kollar is active in a number of community non-profit organizations. He currently serves as the treasurer of the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime (CVVC) and is the president of the Duquesne University School of Business Alumni Association. He was the treasurer of the Allegheny County Library Association from 2007 to 2008, and is a past president and director of PowerLink. Mr. Kollar has been a CPA since 1985 and is also a shareholder in the accounting firm KuhlemanKollar & Associates, CPAs, where he serves as a business and accounting consultant to small and mid-sized companies.

**Donald R. Fischer, MD, MBA** is senior vice president of Health Affairs and chief medical officer at Highmark Inc. Among his responsibilities are clinical strategy, quality management, pharmacy affairs and preventive health services. Dr. Fischer is Board certified in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology, and is a fellow in both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology. He is a certified physician executive in the American College of Physician Executives. Dr. Fischer serves on the Boards of Directors of Gilda’s Club of Western Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative and is the President of the Board of the Western Pennsylvania chapter of the American Heart Association.

The Library’s Board of Trustees also voted to elect the following officers to a two-year term: **Jacqui Fiske Lazo, Chair; Joan Gully, Vice Chair; Carol Robinson, Secretary; and Lou Testoni, Treasurer.**

###

### **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**

*Sustaining our Future*

In 2009 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh began a community dialogue to engage the region’s citizens in a community process to protect the long-term sustainability of the City’s library system.