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New expanded hours for 2012 means more access to books, computers, programs, homework help, job assistance and early literacy resources

(PITTSBURGH, PA – February 1, 2012) Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh customers will now have greater access to programs, computers, materials and facilities. Beginning Monday, February 20, most Pittsburgh library locations will have expanded hours, opening more evenings, after school and weekends for customer use. In total, library customers will gain an additional 119 hours per week, with all neighborhood libraries open for service Mondays and Fridays. Hours at CLP – Main in Oakland, CLP – Downtown & Business and the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped will remain unchanged.

The new hours are in direct response to feedback from customers who were previously affected by cuts in library service due to budget constraints and shortfalls. “Due to overwhelming community support, the Library has been able to achieve additional sustainable funding from a variety of sources,” said Mary Frances Cooper, President & Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. “This provides us the flexibility to be open every day after school for study time and homework needs and every work day for those who need the Library for jobs and learning support.”

Restoring hours that were previously lost due to budget cuts is just one initiative the Library will be able to accomplish this year in response to customer needs and wants. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s 2012 budget also includes funding to increase outreach services, purchase library materials such as books and online resources, pursue initiatives to further diversify and stabilize its funding sources and resume previously deferred maintenance in some of the Library’s unrenovated branch locations, specifically addressing ADA accessibility.

To celebrate the restoration of hours, several Friends of the Library groups will host Customer Appreciation Open Houses at their respective neighborhood libraries during the week of February 20. For event details and to locate hours of operation for all Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations please visit www.carnegielibrary.org.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Locations & Hours
Effective: Monday, February 20, 2012

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLP - Allegheny 1230 Federal St.		10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
CLP - Beechview 1910 Broadway Ave.		10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 7 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm
CLP - Brookline 708 Brookline Blvd.		10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm
CLP - Carrick 1811 Brownsville Rd.		10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>

CLP - Downtown & Business 612 Smithfield St.		8:30 am – 6pm	8:30 am – 6pm	8:30 am – 6pm	8:30 am – 6 pm	8:30 am – 5pm	
CLP – East Liberty 130 S. Whitfield St.		10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
CLP – Hazelwood 4901 Second Ave.		10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>
CLP – Hill District 2177 Centre Ave.		10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5pm
CLP – Homewood 7101 Hamilton Ave.		10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm
CLP – Knoxville 400 Brownsville Rd.		10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 7 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>
CLP – Lawrenceville 279 Fiske St.		11 am – 8 pm	11 am – 8 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm
CLP – Mt. Washington 315 Grandview Ave.		10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	11 am – 8 pm	10 am – 5 pm	11 am – 8 pm	10 a m – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>
CLP – Sheraden 720 Sherwood Ave.		10 am – 7 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>
CLP – South Side 2205 East Carson St.		<i>Closed</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>renovation</i>			
CLP – Squirrel Hill 5801 Forbes Ave.	1 – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 8pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
CLP – West End 47 Wabash Ave.		10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>
CLP – Woods Run 1201 Woods Run Ave.		10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 7 pm	10 am – 5 pm <i>NEW</i>	10 am – 5 pm
CLP – Main 4400 Forbes Ave.	12 – 5 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 5:30pm	10 am – 5:30 pm
Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped 4724 Baum Blvd.		9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5pm	9 am – 5pm	9 am – 5pm	

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Engaging our Community in Literacy and Learning

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh contributes to the educational attainment, economic development, and cultural enrichment of the region. Through critical services such as early learning programs for children, job search assistance and computer and Internet access, the Library fosters lifelong learning and is a renowned leader among the nation's libraries. With more than 2 million visitors and 3.5 million items borrowed each year, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region's most visited asset and one of the largest public libraries in Pennsylvania. Established in 1895 by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie as a public trust to be funded by the community, the Library derives approximately 90% of its annual operating budget from public or government sources, including the Allegheny County Regional Asset District (RAD), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh.