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Librarians Receive Awards for Excellence in Children and Teen Library Services

(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 26, 2007) Four Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) librarians were recently honored with state and national awards for their innovative approach to library services.

Gladys Maharam, Deputy Director, and Children's Librarian Susan Hughes accepted the Pennsylvania Library Association's 2007 Best Practices Award on behalf of the Library. CLP was chosen among more than 60 applicants that featured early learning programs in libraries during Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child initiative. During the month-long event, CLP introduced *Mouse Fest* to children at each of its 19 locations, where children's librarians read the featured selection, Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse, during a festival of mouse activities, games, stories and crafts.

Holly Anderton, CLP senior teen librarian, and Karen Brooks-Reese, CLP teen services coordinator, received the 2007 Frances Henne Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)/VOYA Research Grant. The pair's project, "Virtual Reader's Advisory Services for Teens at Public Libraries," will evaluate current virtual reader's advisory services nationwide, allow teen librarians to recognize those programs that are successful, and provide teen librarians with the necessary information to improve upon those services as needed.

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