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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Welcomes New Director of Facilities Development

(Pittsburgh, PA – December 27, 2007) Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President and Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh announced the appointment of Ron Graziano as the Library's new Director of Facilities Development. Graziano will assume the responsibility for the project management of the Library's Capital Improvement Program, including all Library building projects, facility design and development and related issues.

Graziano, an architectural engineer, comes to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh with more than twenty years of experience in architectural and engineering consulting. For the last eight years he served as Chief of Bureau of Building Inspection for the City of Pittsburgh where he managed the department's administrative, construction, code enforcement and fire prevention divisions. Under his leadership the Bureau of Building Inspection enforced standards relating to the public safety, health, and welfare of the general public.

"Ron brings an extraordinary amount of talent, leadership and skill to our organization," said Dr. Mistick. "He has joined our staff at a very exciting time. Construction has already begun on a new library in the Hill District and we anticipate additional construction projects to occur next year on the North Side and East Liberty."

In 2006, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh officially launched the public phase of a \$55 million Capital Campaign, "Libraries for Life: Building Communities, Enriching Lives," to continue the Library's system-wide renewal. Since 2001, six neighborhood locations and the first floor of the Main Library in Oakland have been renovated, providing handicapped accessibility, climate control systems and state-of-the-art technology. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality in the form of increased visitation and circulation by as much as 187% in some libraries.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

"Free to the People" since 1895

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. Each year the Library provides more than 8,000 free programs, classes and other learning and training opportunities that are tailored to meet the dynamic and diverse needs of people living in Western Pennsylvania.