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**For Immediate Release**

**Extreme Temperatures Force Four  
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Locations to Close Temporarily**

**(Pittsburgh, PA – July 18, 2008)** Pittsburgh's heat wave and high humidity level is forcing four Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) locations to cancel scheduled programs and close temporarily. Located in historic buildings, the libraries are not equipped with air conditioning.

The following libraries will be closed Saturday, July 19, 2008.

CLP – Lawrenceville  
279 Fisk Street

CLP – Mt. Washington  
315 Grandview Avenue

CLP – South Side  
2205 East Carson Street

CLP – West End  
47 Wabash Avenue

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh officials will evaluate weather conditions over the weekend and expect to re-open the libraries to public service on Monday, July 21, 2008. Customers are encouraged to visit Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Web site [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) for updates and to locate the closest neighboring library. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh card holders may also borrow and return materials from any Allegheny County library.

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**About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**  
*Building Communities, Enriching Lives*

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.

**About Libraries *for* LIFE**

While Andrew Carnegie provided the seed money to build the library facilities; he did not leave an endowment for their ongoing operations and maintenance. Thanks to local, county and state government, corporations, foundations

and individuals, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Libraries *for* LIFE Capital Campaign is renewing library buildings to meet the needs of today's library customer. In 2000 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh embarked upon a \$55 million capital campaign, the first in the Library's history, to make neighborhood libraries accessible system-wide. Since the campaign began, the Library has renovated or relocated six neighborhood libraries and completed a partial renovation of the Main Library, First Floor. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality, with all locations benefiting from increased visitor and circulation numbers.