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Nationally-Acclaimed Author and Cancer Expert to Speak at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

*Dr. Devra Davis, Ph.D. will share insights from her latest book, *The Secret History of the War on Cancer**

(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 28, 2008) As part of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s commitment to health literacy, acclaimed author and cancer expert Devra Davis, Ph.D., MPH will speak at a free lecture on Thursday, November 20. The author of *The Secret History of the War on Cancer*, Dr. Davis will share her knowledge, personal insights and vast experience with the community at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Squirrel Hill, 5801 Forbes Avenue at 1pm in the Library’s public meeting room.

Selected as a top pick by *Newsweek*, *The Secret History of the War on Cancer* is used at major schools of public health, including Harvard and Emory. The book tells the story of a major public health effort diverted and distorted for private gain. It’s a gripping story of how corporate America may be more interested in “treating” than “preventing” cancer.

Dr. Davis is Director of the world’s first Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health. Designated a National Book Award Finalist for her book, *When Smoke Ran Like Water*, she is the author of more than 190 publications. In July 2008 Dr. David received the first Lisa Zhang Environmental Award from the United Nations.

Dr. Davis’ career has spanned all areas of academia, public policy, and scientific research. In 1994 President Clinton appointed her to the newly established Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. As the former Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, she has counseled leading officials in the United States, United Nations, World Health Organization, and World Bank. She also served as a Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—the group awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

A book signing will follow Dr. Davis’ lecture. For more information call 412.422.9650 or visit www.carnegielibrary.org.

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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. CLP-Hill District is the seventh library to be completed in the system-wide renewal, and the city's first newly constructed library since 1980. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality, with all locations benefiting from increased visitor and circulation numbers.