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Two-Day Celebration Planned in Honor of Pittsburgh's Newest Library
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District set to open October 24-25 in grand style.

(PITTSBURGH, PA – October 8, 2008) The history of Pittsburgh's Hill District community has been captured in the words of late playwright August Wilson. This same community will be an integral part of Pittsburgh's future with the opening of the city's first new library in 28 years. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District is opening with a two-day celebration. The new library, located at 2177 Centre Avenue at Kirkpatrick Street, is the first freestanding library built under Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Libraries *for* LIFE Capital Campaign and replaces a library at the Phoenix Hill Mall on Dinwiddie Street.

On Friday, October 24, Mayor Luke Ravenstahl will join other community leaders at a sold-out Champagne Luncheon to benefit the Library's Capital Campaign. A free community celebration on Saturday, October 25 will round-out the opening weekend festivities, giving Hill District residents the opportunity to tour and enjoy their new library.

Community Celebration
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Hill District
Saturday, October 25, 2008
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

At 9:30 am a book procession will deliver August Wilson's *Radio Golf*, the last book housed at the former Dinwiddie Street library, to the library on Centre Avenue. Drummers will signal the arrival of the book at the new library as it reaches its new home.

Schedule of events include:

Opening Ceremony and Balloon Drop	10:00 AM
The Miller School Dancers & Drummers	10:30 AM
CAPA Jazz Combo (Main Room)	11:00 AM
Meet Author Sharon Flake (Teen Section)	12:00 PM
Puppet Show (Children's Room)	12:00 PM
Stories told by Temujin (Main Room)	12:30 PM

In addition, various activities and entertainment, including button making, pumpkin decorating and balloon twisters will be ongoing throughout the day.

The completion of the \$3.15 million Hill District Library marks the eighth project in Carnegie Library's Capital Campaign and successfully transformed the site of a 1950's-era gas station into a welcoming gateway to the Hill District. The new library includes a teen lounge, reading room with café style seating and a tribute to August Wilson that includes on a stool salvaged from "Eddie's Restaurant," a neighborhood eatery where he often wrote and featured in the play "Two Trains Running."

For more information on this free event, please 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. The visibility of the completed renovations has brought new vitality, with all locations benefiting from increased visitor and circulation numbers.