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It's "Lights, Camera, Action!" For Area Teens

*Aspiring Filmmakers Find Their Voice at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's
Free Media Arts and Literacy Class*

(PITTSBURGH, PA – February 5, 2008) – As more and more film productions choose to locate in Pittsburgh, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) is cultivating the next Steven Spielberg or Peter Jackson. Aspiring filmmakers are invited to register for free media literacy and digital video production classes hosted by the Teen Department at CLP – Main in Oakland.

After an introductory session on March 2, students can design their own curriculum by selecting classes that match their interests. Scheduled to run March 2 - May 18, students will have the opportunity to select one or more classes to design their own curriculum based on their interests. Through this program, CLP hopes to inspire teens to use media to articulate their own experiences, voices and worldviews. Traditionally, media classes provide the tools that enable students to present authentic representations of their own culture.

“Today, students are receiving more and more of their information from television, pictures and other media,” said Joseph Wilk, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Teen Librarian and Media Class Program Manager. “However, many students are not offered opportunities to develop the information and communication skills media arts literacy brings. Through this program, we hope to inspire students to use media to present themselves as themselves.”

All video production classes are taught Sundays from 1:00-5:00 pm. at CLP – Main in the Teens Department. **Participation in the Intro to Cameras and Computer class is required for registration to all other workshops.**

March 2

Intro to Cameras and Computers

Learn the basics of handling digital video cameras and editing software.

March 9 & 16

Shooting Real Life: Actualities

Actualities are videos of events as they happen. Learn to train your camera at the world around you and edit moments for maximum impact.

March 30 & April 6

Getting Sound

Learn to use the camera's built-in microphone to capture sound as you want to hear it. Use sound effects to create things entirely not of this world.

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April 13 & 20

Video Effects and Compositing

In this workshop, you'll be warping and arranging videos to suit your needs. Learn how to have multiple videos going at once and how you can use effects to shape them in interesting ways.

April 27 & May 4

Animation: Breathing Life into the Everyday

It's alive! It's alive! With paper cutouts or small objects from home, we'll experiment with animation's magic.

May 11 & 18

Video Installation and Live-action Video

In this advanced workshop, you'll use special software to create video that responds to its environment. You'll also learn how to use things like Wii controllers to affect video in real time.

The Library's media literacy class is made possible through a grant from Commonwealth Libraries, Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA). The funding enabled Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to purchase a wide array of media production equipment, including mini-DV camcorders and tapes, advanced tripods, video production software, Mac G5 workstations and condenser microphones. Teens interested in filmmaking may also borrow materials through the Library's reference collection of popular and historic visual media.

Registration is required and space is limited for all classes. No previous video production is necessary. For additional information or to register, please contact Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Teen Services at 412-622-3121 or www.carnegielibrary.org.

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