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Teens Do Battle at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh!

Online video game tournament pits CLP against North Carolina Library

(PITTSBURGH, PA – August 15, 2008) Ferocity! Combat! Books? Teens can cheer each other on at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main, Teen Department in Oakland on August 22 for video gaming domination against North Carolina’s Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County.

The competition kicks off the Library’s Teen End of Summer Party, celebrating the department’s record-breaking number of more than 300 participants in this year’s Summer Reading program. After starting off the program with a local gaming tournament in May, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh teens are ready to kick it – literally – in an online tournament against another technology-savvy library.

“Technology and video games are a really great way for teens to make friends and enter into community conversation,” says Joseph Wilk, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Teen Librarian and tournament coordinator. “Teens can form bonds and enter dialogue with people with whom they might not otherwise connect.”

While spectator seats at the tournament are reserved for teens, Pittsburghers can still catch all the action and cheer on the team – the tournament will be broadcast live on the Library’s Teen Media and Podcast page (<http://media.carnegielibrary.org/teen>), alongside a live chat where viewers can participate and root for their favorite fighters.

Teens who registered for Summer Reading program at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main may call 412.622.3121 for information on the Library’s End of Summer Party.

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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.