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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Asks “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Libraries celebrate Fred Rogers’ legacy and the neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.

(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 3, 2008) Community and connections were important to Fred Rogers, a Pittsburgh icon known for his button-down sweaters, commitment to education and the loveable song, “Won’t you be my neighbor?” Mister Rogers was a special neighbor to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. CLP – Homewood was the "library" seen by the viewers of the popular television program Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

To celebrate his legacy, the Library has partnered with Family Communications, Inc. and 30 Southwestern Pennsylvania organizations for Pittsburgh’s “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” celebration. During the months of March and April, all CLP neighborhood libraries will offer special family events that celebrate the community. From March 15 through April 30 customers can see the love Mister Rogers had for his libraries through pictures and memorabilia at CLP – Main in Oakland. The Library is also asking customers and staff to wear a sweater on March 20 in his honor.

**Neighbor Days @ CLP
March 15 – March 20**

Customers are invited to an open house at select CLP locations to meet their neighbors and discover the wealth of resources available in their own backyard.

March 8

CLP – South Side (11 AM – 3 PM)
2205 East Carson Street

March 15

CLP – Lawrenceville (1-4 PM)
279 Fisk Street
(1 – 4 PM)

CLP – Woods Run (11AM – 1PM)
1201 Woods Run Avenue

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March 18 (11 AM – 6 PM)

CLP – East Liberty (11AM – 6PM)
130 S. Whitfield Street

March 20

CLP – Carrick (11AM – 6:30 PM)
1811 Brownsville Road

CLP – Hill District (2 – 7 PM)
419 Dinwiddie Street

CLP – West End (4 – 6 PM)
47 Wabash Avenue

March 27

CLP – Sheraden (4 – 6PM)
720 Sherwood Avenue

Programs for Children and Families

Catch up with your neighbors and see what’s new at your favorite library!

Saturday, March 15

11:00 AM – CLP – Beechview (Family Program)
CLP – Brookline (Family Program)
CLP – East Liberty (Children’s Program for ages 3-Up)
CLP – Squirrel Hill (Family Program)

11:30 AM – CLP – Hill District (Family Program)
CLP – Homewood (Family Program)
CLP – Knoxville (Family Program)

2:00 PM – CLP – Hazelwood (Family Program)
CLP – West End (Family Program)

Monday, March 17

6:00 PM- CLP – Squirrel Hill (Family Program)

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Tuesday, March 18

10:00 AM – CLP – Hazelwood (Preschool Storytime)
11:00 AM – CLP – Hazelwood (Preschool Storytime)
6:30 PM – CLP – Main (Family Program)

Thursday, March 20

10:00 AM – CLP – Hazelwood (Preschool Storytime)
10:45 AM – CLP – Brookline (Toddler Program)

11:00 AM – CLP – Hazelwood (Preschool Storytime)
 CLP – Mt. Washington (Preschool Storytime)

11:15 AM – CLP – Carrick (Family Program)
12:30 PM – CLP – Brookline (Preschool Storytime)
1:30 PM – CLP – South Side (Preschool Storytime)
4:00 PM – CLP – Sheraden (Family Program)

Saturday, March 22

1:00 PM – CLP – Woods Run (Family Program)

Book Discussions

March 26 (2:00 PM)
Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Using the One Book, One Community selection, *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan, and *The World According to Mister Rogers* by Fred Rogers, we'll explore the themes of community and connection in the work of Fred Rogers.

April 22 (1:00 – 2:00 PM and 6:00 - 7:00 PM)
CLP – Main, First Floor New and Featured
Book Discussion: I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers by Tim Madigan

Other Events

March 16 (2:00 - 3:00 PM)
Sunday Poetry and Reading Series: Toi Derricotte
CLP – Main, First Floor New and Featured

Celebrate the arts with readings from academic, experimental and spoken-word Pittsburgh poets and writers. This month's guest is our Oakland neighbor Toi Derricotte, author of four books of poetry and a memoir.

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April 26 (2:00 PM)

Celebrate Oakland!

CLP – Main; Classroom A

Whether you live, work, or play in Oakland, there always seems to be new places to go and new faces to meet. What is it that makes Oakland so special? Find out in *Something About Oakland*, a documentary made by award-winning producer Rick Sebak. Learn the history of the sights you see everyday, and discover new places you’ve never seen before. Afterwards, enjoy a neighborhood open house with light refreshments.

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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.