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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Board Sets Topics for December 14 Meeting

(PITTSBURGH, PA – December 10, 2009) When the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh meets on December 14, Board members will discuss several topics including modifications to the Action Plan it adopted on October 5, 2009. In light of short-term funding authorized by Pittsburgh’s City Council, the Board expects to vote on deferring certain aspects of the Action Plan, such as the closing of branches, as well as moving ahead with such actions as the implementation of new fines and fees. The Board also expects to consider approval of the Library’s 2010 budget and to discuss the public’s request to hold open meetings. As a Public Trust, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is not required to hold open meetings, but understands the community’s interest in board decisions. Importantly, the Board will further discuss plans for continuing efforts to seek long-term, sustainable library funding.

As a special accommodation for public comment, community members are invited to speak at a public forum that will be held in conjunction with the Library Board’s regularly scheduled meeting. The comment period will begin at 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of CLP – Main, 4400 Forbes Avenue. Each person will be allotted a maximum of two minutes to comment.

Persons wishing to comment must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 11 with the Library’s Office of Communications and Creative Services. Registration may be made by phone (412.622.1871) or email (director@carnegielibrary.org) and should include name and phone number. Speaking slots will be limited to 25 people. The public is also welcome to submit comments in writing which will be forwarded to each Board member. Written comments may be submitted by mail or email to the Library at 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA15213.

A media briefing will be held immediately at the conclusion of the Board meeting (estimated at 6:30 p.m.) at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

To Engage our Community in Literacy and Learning

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, with 2.6 million visitors in 2008. Each year the Library provides valuable resources, programs, classes and training opportunities that engage the community in literacy, and life-long learning.