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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Public Comment Welcome Prior to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's December Board Meeting**

**(PITTSBURGH, December 1, 2009)** – In order to engage the community in continuing dialog regarding Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's ongoing funding challenges, the Library's Board of Trustees is providing several public forums during the month of December.

Library Board members and staff will meet with residents from Beechview, Hazelwood, Lawrenceville and the West End during a series of community meetings:

- December 2, 6:30 p.m., **Hazelwood**  
Location: Keystone Church, 161 Hazelwood Avenue, 15207
- December 3, 7:00 p.m., **Beechview**  
Location: Beechview United Presbyterian Church, 1621 Broadway Avenue, 15216
- December 7, 6:30 p.m., **Lawrenceville**  
Location: CLP-Lawrenceville, 279 Fisk Street, 15201
- December 8, 6:30 p.m., **West End**  
Location: CLP-West End, 47 Wabash Avenue, 15220

Additionally, residents of Allegheny County can comment at a public forum that will be held in conjunction with the Library Board's regularly scheduled meeting on December 14. The comment period will begin at 4 pm in the Lecture Hall of CLP – Main, 4400 Forbes Avenue. Each person will be allotted two minutes to comment.

Persons wishing to comment must register by 5 pm 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](mailto: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 (4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) or email ([director@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:director@carnegielibrary.org)).

Community members interested in learning more about the Library's funding challenges and how they can help protect Pittsburgh's library service may view materials online at [www.carnegielibrary.org/future](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/future).

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**About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**

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*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.