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**For Immediate Release**

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Wonders “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**  
*Libraries celebrate Fred Rogers’ legacy and the neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.*

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 6, 2009)** A Pittsburgh icon known for his button-down sweaters, commitment to education and the loveable song, “Won’t you be my neighbor?” Mister (Fred) Rogers was a special neighbor to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. To celebrate his legacy, the Library has partnered with Family Communications, Inc. and a variety of Southwestern Pennsylvania organizations for Pittsburgh’s second “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” celebration.

During the month of March, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will offer special family events that showcase the rich diversity of Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Beginning March 9, customers can visit at CLP – Main in Oakland view a display of pictures and memorabilia from Mister Rogers’ successful career. The Library is also asking customers to wear a sweater on March 20 and 21 in his honor.

**“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”  
Sweater and Diaper Drives**

**Sweater Drives  
March 16 - 21**

Donations of new or gently used sweaters will be accepted at the following library locations:

CLP - Hill District / 2177 Centre Avenue at Kirkpatrick Street  
*Benefits the Jubilee Kitchen in the Hill District.*

CLP - Downtown & Business / 612 Smithfield Street  
*Benefits Womansplace East and Salvation Army North Side.*

**Diaper Drive  
March 16 – 29**

Donations of unopened packages of diapers will be accepted at the following location:

CLP - Squirrel Hill / 5801 Forbes Avenue  
*Benefits the East End Cooperative Ministries and the Squirrel Hill Food Bank.*

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### **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Wonders “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”**

#### **Community Events**

Each of the following events is designed to promote the wonderful things happening in local neighborhoods and connect people with organizations that are working to make Pittsburgh a great place to work and live.

Saturday, March 28 (11:30 AM)

#### **Celebrate Community Helpers at Your Neighborhood Library**

CLP – Brookline / 708-710 Brookline Boulevard

Sunday, March 29 (1:00 – 4:00 PM)

#### **Neighborhood Information and Volunteer Fair**

CLP - Squirrel Hill / 5801 Forbes Avenue

#### **Programs for Children and Families**

Catch up with your neighbors, listen to stories and see what’s new at your favorite library!

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

10:00 AM CLP - Hazelwood (Preschool Program)

11:00 AM CLP - Homewood (Preschool Program)  
CLP - Hazelwood (Preschool Program)

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

1:00 PM CLP - Hill District (Kindergarten Program)

#### **Thursday, March 19**

10:00 AM CLP - Sheraden (Preschool Program)  
CLP - Hazelwood (Preschool Program)

11:00 AM CLP - Mt. Washington (Preschool Program)  
CLP - Hazelwood (Preschool Program)

11:15 AM CLP - Carrick (Family Program)

12:30 PM CLP - Brookline (Preschool Program)

#### **Friday, March 20**

10:00 AM CLP - Downtown & Business (Preschool Program)

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#### **Saturday, March 21**

11:00 AM CLP - Lawrenceville (Family Program)  
CLP - Squirrel Hill (Family Program)

11:30 AM CLP - Woods Run (Family Program)  
CLP - South Side (Family Program)\*

*\* Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank*

1:00 PM CLP - Knoxville (Family Program)

2:00 PM CLP - Hazelwood (Family Program)  
CLP - Beechview (Family Program)

#### **Sunday, March 22**

2:00 PM CLP - Main, Children’s Department (Family Program)

#### **Monday, March 23**

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

#### **Thursday, March 26**

10:30 AM CLP - East Liberty (Preschool Program)

#### **Saturday, March 28**

1:30 PM CLP - East Liberty (Family Program)

For more information or to locate an event at your favorite neighborhood library, please visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org).

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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.

#### **About Libraries for LIFE**

*Building Communities, Enriching Lives*

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 governments, 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 seven neighborhood libraries and completed a partial renovation of the Main Library, First Floor. CLP-Hill District is the seventh library to be completed in the system-wide renewal, and the city's first newly constructed library since 1980. To date, the Library's efforts have resulted in significant investment in Pittsburgh neighborhoods, providing a range of library services and programs for children, teens and adults and facilities that accommodate new collections and 21st century technology.