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## Teens Go “Behind the Books” at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

**(PITTSBURGH, PA – March 8, 2010)** Local teens will have the opportunity to interact with several renowned authors during Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* lecture series. Contemporary authors, Coe Booth and Lisa McMann will visit the Library to discuss their writing process, answer questions and explore the themes and issues prevalent in their books.

*Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* was developed with the help of teens and young adults who are one of the highest users of libraries. More than 70% of Pittsburgh city residents between the ages of 13 – 36 have a Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh card, accounting for nearly one fourth of the Library’s cardholders. Since October 2007, the Library has welcomed more than fifteen award-winning authors to its *Behind the Book* series.

This season’s *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* lecture series will include:

### **Coe Booth**

Thursday, March 11 (7 PM)  
CLP- Allegheny  
1230 Federal Street

Coe Booth was born and raised in the Bronx and spent her childhood reading, writing, taking dancing lessons and (of course!) playing double dutch. Her first novel, *TYRELL*, was published in 2006, winning the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature. Her second novel, *KENDRA*, followed two years later and was selected as one of the American Library Association’s Best Books for Young Adults. Coe earned a master’s degree in psychology, and has worked as a counselor for teenagers and families in crisis situations in New York City. In 2003, she returned to graduate school at The New School in New York City and earned an MFA in creative writing. She is currently working on a sequel to *TYRELL*.

### **Lisa McMann**

Wednesday, April 28 (7 PM)  
CLP-Main, Center for Museum Education Ford-Mateer Classroom  
4400 Forbes Avenue

Lisa McMann is the author of the New York Times bestselling teen books *WAKE*, *FADE* and *GONE*. The trilogy revolves around Janie Hannagan, a seventeen-year-old who gets sucked into other people’s dreams and nightmares. Before writing teen novels, Lisa worked as a blueberry picker, a bindery worker in a printing company, an independent bookseller and a Realtor. She lives in the Phoenix area with her husband, two kids, dog and cat.

Space at each lecture is limited. To register, please visit [www.carnegielibrary.org](http://www.carnegielibrary.org) or call 412.578.2599.

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as early learning programs for children, job search assistance and computer and Internet access, the Library fosters lifelong learning and is a renowned leader among the nation's libraries. With more than 2 million visitors and 3.5 million items borrowed each year, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region's most visited asset and one of the largest public libraries in Pennsylvania. Established in 1895 by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie as a public trust to be funded by the community, the Library derives approximately 90% of its annual operating budget from public or government sources, including the Allegheny County Regional Asset District (RAD), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Pittsburgh.