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## For Immediate Release

### Teens Go “Behind the Books” with *Leviathan* Author Scott Westerfeld

**(Pittsburgh, PA – September 29, 2010)** Local teens will have the opportunity to interact with renowned author Scott Westerfeld during Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s *Behind the Book: Authors Talk to Teens* lecture series. Westerfeld will visit the Main Library in Oakland on October 7 at 7 pm to discuss his writing process, answer questions and explore the themes and issues prevalent in his books. The first 50 teens in attendance will receive a free copy of his newest release *Behemoth*.

*Behemoth* is the sequel to Westerfeld’s steampunk novel *Leviathan*. The steampunk genre is a blend of science fiction and alternate history that has become very popular among young adult readers. Considered one of the best steampunk novelists, Mr. Westerfeld is the author of the New York Times Bestselling *Uglies* series. His other novels include *The Last Days*, *So Yesterday* and the *Midnighters* trilogy.

*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 seventeen award-winning authors to its *Behind the Book* series.

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

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*Engaging our Community in Literacy and Learning*

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh contributes to the educational attainment, economic development, and cultural enrichment of the region. Through critical services such 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.