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Ideas and Opinions are Needed to Shape the Future of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh!

Final round of Community Workshops announced to discuss the future of library service.

(PITTSBURGH, PA – September 7, 2010) With 115 days left in 2010 to find a solution for the long-term financial and operational health of Pittsburgh's libraries, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will hold a third and final set of Community Conversation Workshops. This is the last formal opportunity for community members to weigh in on the Library system's future.

Community Workshops will be held at the following times and locations:

Saturday, September 18 | 10 am – Noon
St. Catherine of Sienna Church • 1915 Broadway Avenue, 15216
Across from CLP - Beechview

Saturday, September 18 | 2 – 4 pm
Providence Family Support Center • 3113 Brighton Road, 15212
At the intersection of Brighton Road and Schimmer Street

Sunday, September 19 | 2 – 4 pm
CLP – Squirrel Hill • 5801 Forbes Avenue, 15217

Monday, September 20 | 6 – 8 pm
CLP – Downtown & Business • 612 Smithfield Street, 15222

The September workshops are designed for city and county residents to share their priorities and perspectives as Library officials review the ideas gathered from earlier community feedback. Meetings are open to all community members and pre-registration is not required. Discussion guides for the September workshops will be available after September 10 at all Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations, as well as online at www.carnegielibrary.org/future. Community members unable to attend a workshop in person are still able to provide input by submitting feedback on the Web site at www.carnegielibrary.org/future or to Maggie McFalls, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Community Engagement Coordinator, at feedback@carnegielibrary.org.

Results of previous workshops, including reports from all workshops to date, and summary reports from workshops held in May and July are available at www.carnegielibrary.org/future.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
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.