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228 Days Remain for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to Find Long-Term Solutions to its Funding Crisis

Tonight's Community Workshop to Discuss Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Future

(PITTSBURGH, PA – May 17, 2010) Community members are encouraged to weigh in on Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's funding and service challenges. The Library's Action Plan, which included funding and service reductions, is currently deferred until the end of 2010. The Library wants the community to a part of finding long-term solutions.

WHEN: Monday, May 17 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

WHERE: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
419 S. Dithridge Street, 15213

WHO: Media will have the opportunity to speak with workshop facilitator Nicole Swerhun, who has international experience in bringing decision makers together with the people they serve, as well as local community members.

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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.