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Library Announces New Fines and Fees for 2010

Long-term funding outlook cause for increased fees at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

(PITTSBURGH, PA – December 4, 2009) Effective January 1, 2010, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is increasing fines on overdue materials and fees on certain library services. The increased fines and fees are part of an Action Plan, approved by the Library's Board of Trustees on October 5, to help address the library's funding shortfall for 2010 and beyond. A formal decision regarding other parts of the Action Plan, including planned closures of branches, will be announced following the December 14 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Changes include increasing adult fines to 30 cents per day, reinstating fines for children at 20 cents per day on all material types and increasing the fee for computer prints to 25 cents per page. The increases come at a critical time when local funding for library services remains flat, state funding was reduced, impacting the Library's budget by more than \$1 million for 2010, and demand for library services continues to rise.

The following new fines and fees will take effect January 1, 2010:

Overdue adult print, VHS, CDs, MP3 playaways and slides – 30 cents per day
All overdue children's materials, including print and AV - 20 cents per day
Photocopy prints, all sizes – 25 cents per page
Scans – 30 cents per page
Computer prints – 25 cents per page
Selected research and photographic print fees at the Main Library will also increase.

In 2010, 90% of the Library's budgeted revenue is projected to come from public sources – approximately 70% from the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) and 20% from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While Andrew Carnegie provided the funds to build the Main Library and original branches, he did not provide funding for its operations. He did not endow the Library, believing it to be the public's responsibility to ensure sufficient funds for ongoing operations and maintenance.

Community members interested in learning more about the Library's funding challenges and how they can help protect Pittsburgh's library service may view materials online at www.carnegielibrary.org/future.

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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.