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**Family author series “Black, White & Read All Over” opens 2012 with
Big Nate cartoonist Lincoln Peirce in January, and acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers, the new
National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, in February**

(Pittsburgh, Pa.) – Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh are pleased to announce two upcoming children’s programs featuring award-winning authors and illustrators; both programs, as follows, are part of the eleventh season of *Black, White & Read All Over*, a family author series featuring popular writers of contemporary children’s and teen literature.

Lincoln Peirce, author & cartoonist of the BIG NATE series

Sunday, January 22, 2:00 p.m.

Carnegie Library Lecture Hall

4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Cartoonist and author Lincoln Peirce has taken his rebellious sixth-grader, Nate Wright, a.k.a. Big Nate, from the comic strip pages to his own series of books. With a mass of detentions and a penchant for sarcasm, Big Nate is aptly characterized by GoComics as “a self-described genius and sixth grade Renaissance Man.” *Booklist* writes, “The cartoons provide plenty of gags at the expense of various adults and classmates, and Nate’s persistent good cheer and moxie make him a likable new proxy for young misfits.” Lincoln Peirce’s program will feature sketches and stories about creating this comic strip favorite, an audience Q&A, and book signing. Toonseum will be on site activities during the signing. (ages 8 and up)

Walter Dean Myers & Christopher Myers, father/son, author/illustrator of WE ARE AMERICA

Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m.

Hill House Kaufmann Center, Elsie H. Hillman Auditorium

1825 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Just named the new National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, Walter Dean Myers has tackled difficult subjects, including gang violence, war, and race relations in his poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. His works range from adult texts to children’s picture books, and he has long been embraced for his poetic, yet candid, literary portraits of our times. Most recently, he joined forces with his son Christopher, a Caldecott Honor artist with whom he published *Harlem*, to create *We Are America*, a tribute to the diversity of this country. The father/son team will visit the Hill House to discuss their collaborative creative process for this new book, and an audience Q&A and book signing will follow. (ages 8 and up)

Tickets for both programs are available online at pittsburghlectures.org, by phone at 412-622-8866, or at the door. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 each for groups of five or more. School groups, \$5 each by phone only.

Black, White & Read All Over is presented by Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures in partnership with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Support for the series is provided by UPMC Health Plan, The Grable Foundation, and the Elsie H. Hillman Foundation. Book sales are provided by Penguin Bookshop, Sewickley.

About Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures:

Founded in 1991, Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures is a non-profit 501(c)(3) literary, performing arts organization, as designated by the City of Pittsburgh. The unique mission of Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures is to connect world-class authors and their work with the local community and, in doing so, to elevate the quality of civic discourse in Pittsburgh through the presentation and discussion of the universal human values of literature. Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures produces an annual series of literary lectures sponsored by The Drue Heinz Trust. In addition, the organization produces a literary series for children and families in partnership with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, as well as special events featuring niche writers and storytellers, with the purpose of encouraging interest in the lifelong pursuit of reading.

About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh:

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.

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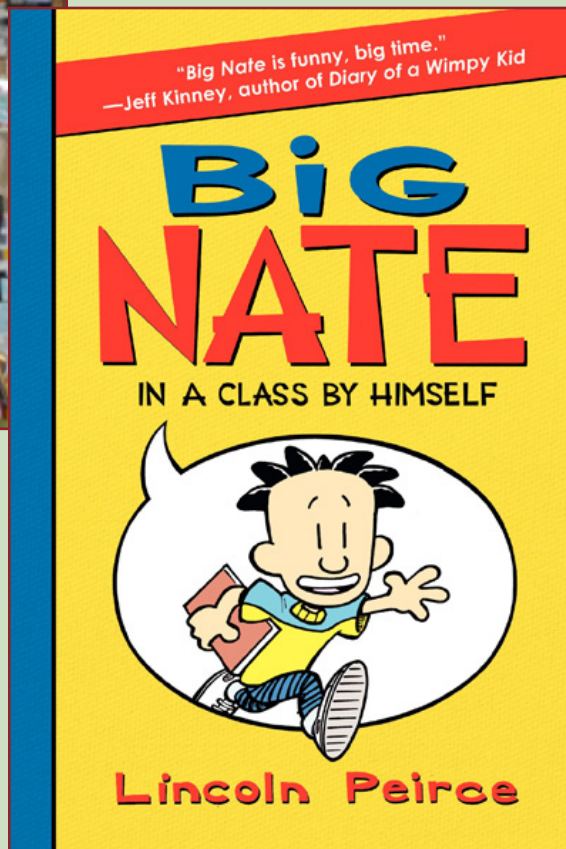
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entrance at back of Carnegie complex

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Share the stories. Meet the writers. Get the autographs.



**Including...
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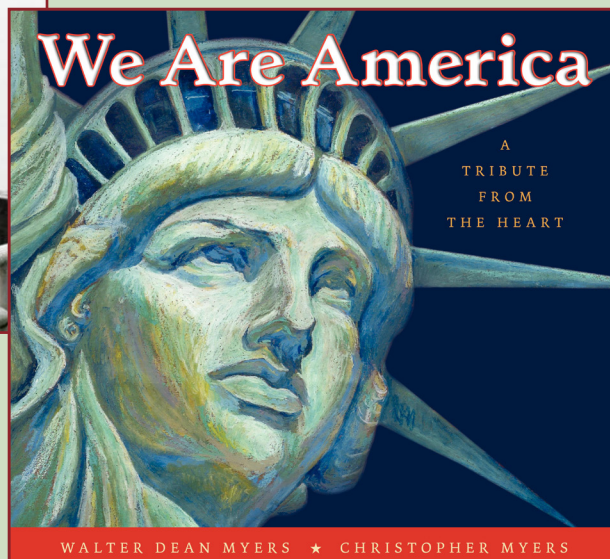
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