



## Facts and Figures about Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and PA Libraries

### Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Statistics

2004 Annual Operating Budget: \$21,784,500

2005 Annual Operating Budget: \$21,440,060

2004 Visits: 1,630,850\*

2005 Visits: 1,910,522

2004 Circulation: 2,974,020\*

2005 Circulation: 3,204,651

\*Several CLP library locations were closed for part or all of 2004 due to renovations including Brookline, Hazelwood, Downtown & Business, Main Library's 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, and Squirrel Hill affecting visits and circulation.

2004 Total Cardholders: 209,167

2005 Total Cardholders: 219,060

2004 Visits to CLP Web Site: 4,176,669

2005 Visits to CLP Web Site: 4,932,854

### Funding Sources

In the 1890s, Andrew Carnegie helped finance a wave of library construction through matching funds. For each \$2 a community raised for a library, Carnegie contributed \$2. Pennsylvania still uses \$2 per capita local support requirement for state aid as its benchmark. The \$2 figure has remained unchanged since it was incorporated into the Library Code in 1961.

(Source: Gilbert M. Gaul, "A Shortage of Support and Volumes of Problems," Philadelphia Inquirer, June 1, 1997; The Platform for Twenty-First Century Libraries, Pennsylvania Library Association, 1998)

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh does not have a large endowment left by Andrew Carnegie. The endowment it does have generates approximately \$420,000 in revenue each year. It costs Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh \$61,431 for each day of operation in its 19 locations. The endowment revenue alone enables the library to be open 6.8 days per year.



## Library Expenditures per Capita

	CLP	Mean or Average of PLDS Reporting Libraries
2004 Expenditures per Capita:	\$15.72	\$26.89
Spending on Materials as % of Expenditures	13%	13%

(Source: Statistical Report 2005, Public Library Data Service, Public Library Association, 2005)

Pennsylvania ranks 46<sup>th</sup> nationwide in local government operating income per capita devoted to library funding. (*Local government income here includes counties, municipalities and school districts which can come through an appropriation, a special library tax levied on property, or in the case of Allegheny County, a portion of the 1% tax distributed through RAD. This is down from 44th for 2002.*)

(Source: Office of Commonwealth Libraries, 2005)

## Other Reports of Interest

*Libraries: How They Stack Up* provides a snapshot of the economic impact of libraries worldwide. The report contains some interesting comparisons of library economics and activities to other sectors, professions and destinations in the global economy. Released in 2003 by OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization.

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2003libsstackup.htm>

## *Online Bibliography from OCLC*

Links to a variety of studies advocating public libraries.

<http://www.oclc.org/advocacy/bibliography.pdf>

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