

Everything is **Connected:** Libraries and the Information Ecosystem



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Bad year for Pittsburgh's libraries with cuts and closings

October 13, 2009 4:00 AM

By Bob Hoover Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh faces another financial headache next year -- a 20.1 percent cut in state public library subsidies following last week's legislative approval of the state's new budget.

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Carnegie Library funding approved by big margin

November 9, 2011 12:45 AM

By Rich Lord Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

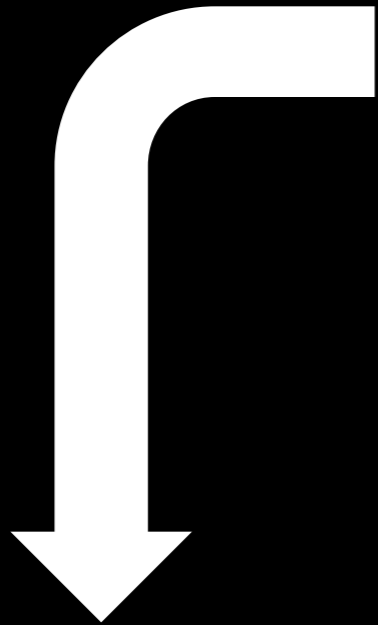
Put a win in the books -- for the books.

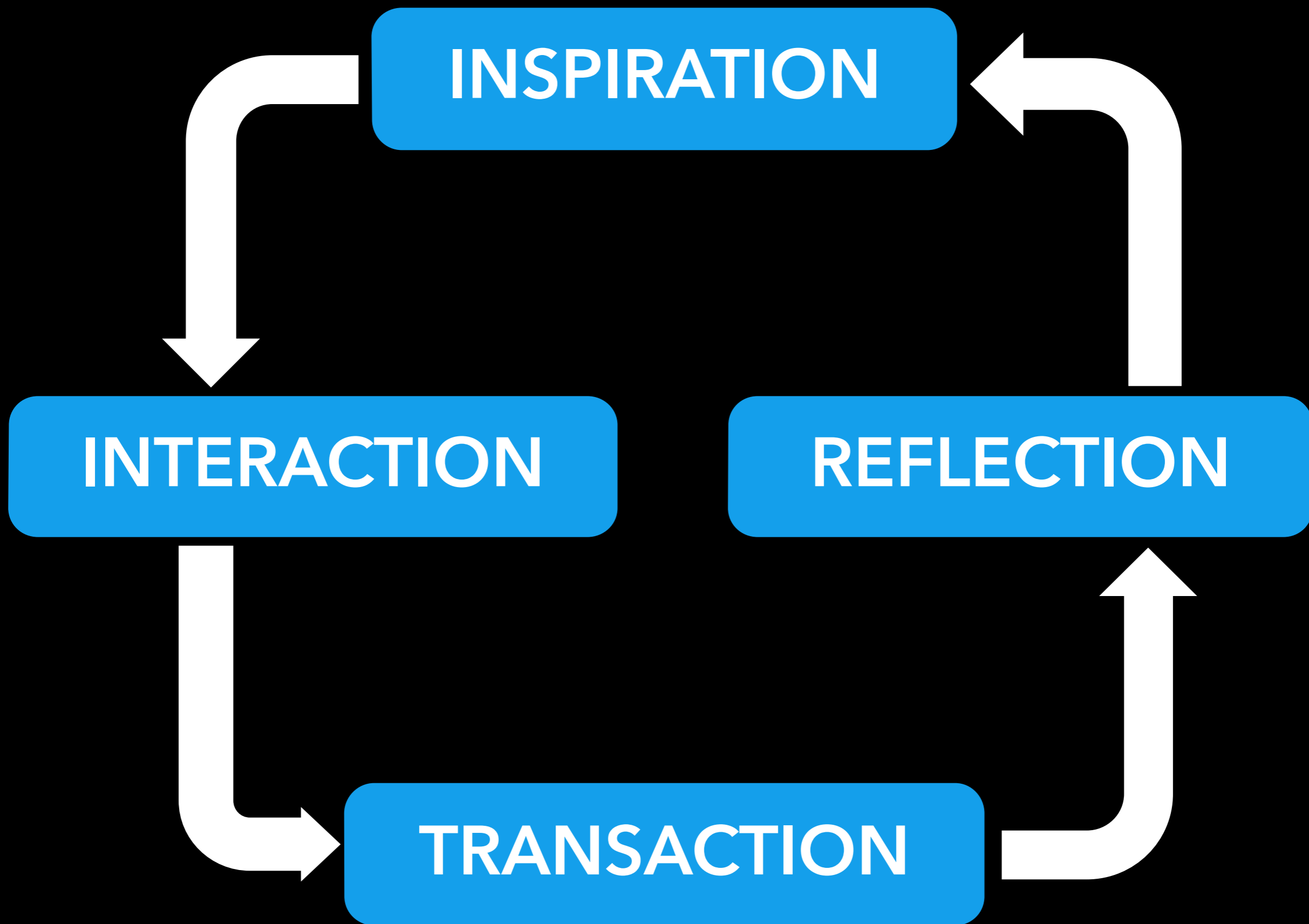
By a margin of more than two to one, Pittsburgh voters Tuesday approved a binding referendum to add 0.25 mills to the tax on all real estate in the city, and steer the proceeds to the fiscally challenged Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. The levy could bring more than \$3 million a year to the library system for operations and maintenance.

INSPIRATION

INTERACTION

TRANSACTION







**to engage
our community
in literacy and learning**

Building community
(and owning our privilege)

INSPIRATION


- **Working through outside organizations - and vice versa**
- **Taking stock of strengths and opportunities for growth**
- **Collaboration as a driver of action**
- **Focusing on outcomes**




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I am the Director of Digital Strategy for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

AMA  Identity Confirmed (self.pittsburgh)

submitted 1 year ago * (last edited 1 year ago) by theanalogdivide 

Hi everyone! My name is Toby Greenwalt, and I moved to Pittsburgh about 2 months ago to join Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh as their new Director of Digital Strategy and Technology Integration.

In line with the Library's [Strategic Plan](#)^[1], we are working to change the way we engage the public - both in person and online.

I'll be online from at least 10-noon this morning. I'm eager to hear your questions about how CLP can make Pittsburgh a better place.

edit: Thanks to everyone for a great AMA! If you have more questions later on, don't hesitate to post them here or track me down online. We at the library are eager to push things forward, and we can't do it without you.

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I think there's a great crowd you could be serving better: 20-30somethings who are trying to start small businesses. I know at least 100+ people in the city in that boat.

I work something close to usual office hours, maybe 9 to 6. In the evenings, I tend to go to a cafe and write or do business planning, maybe until 9pm. I'd rather be doing so at a library than a cafe, but the 8pm closing time is a little rough.

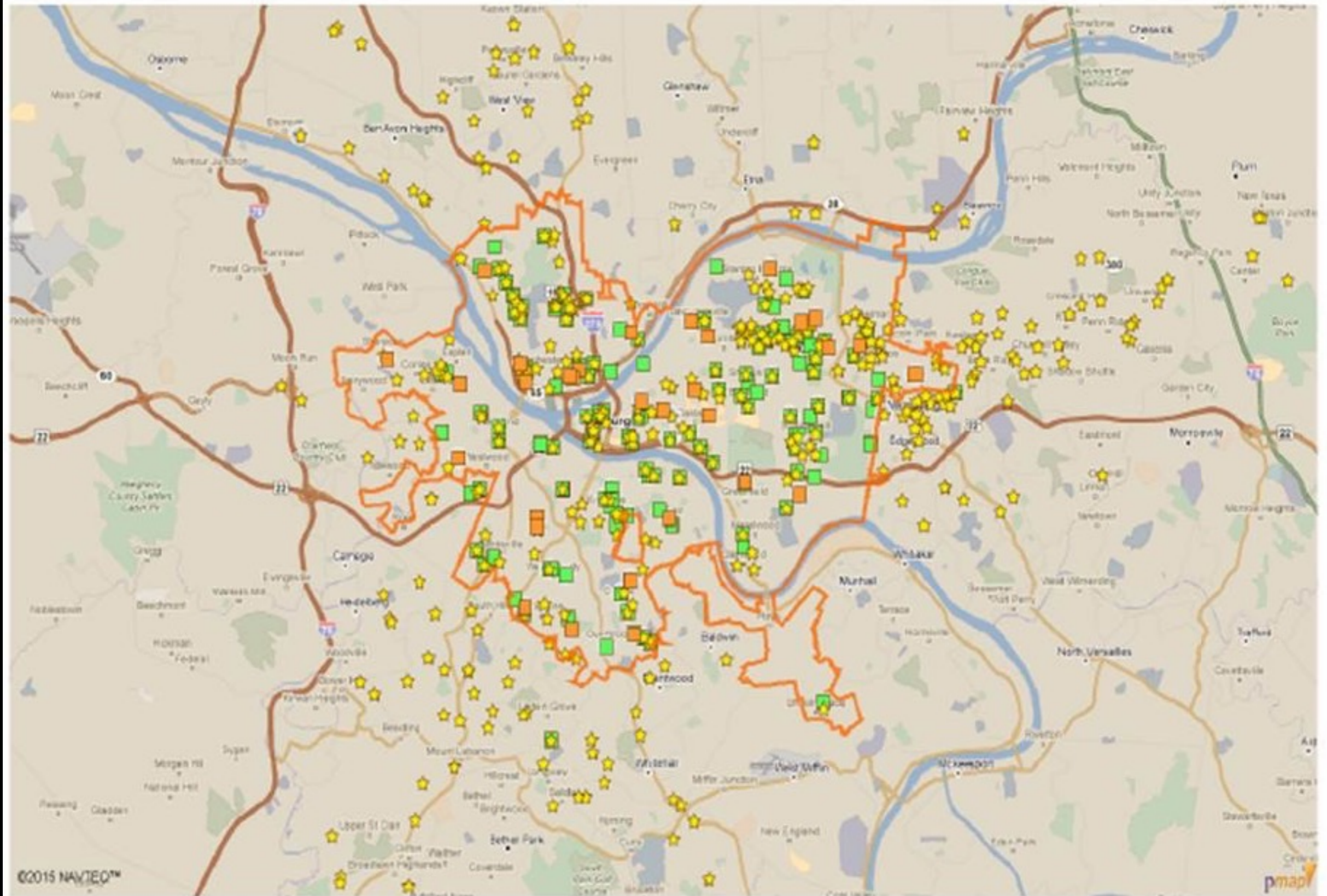
Would the library system consider something like "Get Stuff Done" nights - certain revolving days (1/month? 1/Month at 4 different locations?) where the library hosts a "work on your independent projects" event, with staff on hand to help with research / encouragement.

You wouldn't need a full crew of staff, but it might be cool to replicate the kind of open hacking / working nights that HackPGH does most months, and other spaces do occasionally.

A lot of great small businesses should really start at the Library, before they move into TechShop, AlphaLab, The Hardware Store, etc.

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Custom PolicyMap 3-Layer Map of Pittsburgh with Outreach, 2014, Early Learning Centers, PPS, ECC-EHS



embedded librarianship



Open Pittsburgh

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CFA FELLOWS



PITTSBURGH SNOW PLOW TRACKER RELEASED – OPEN DATA FORTHCOMING

INTERACTION

- **What do you want from the partnership?**
- **What do your partners want from you?**
- **Can you reconcile the two?**

Pittsburgh Event for the National Day of Civic Hacking

OpenPittsburgh Open House

- Saturday, May 31, 2014
- 10am-3pm (lunch will be provided)
- Homewood Branch of the Carnegie Library, 7101 Hamilton Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15208
- [Register Here](#)
- [Facebook Event](#)
- [#hackforchange](#)



- **Creating a division of labor**
- **Making the partnership visible**
- **Turning the combined parts into a greater whole**

TRANSACTION



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ASK YOUR QUESTION

15 questions

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I'd like to know if there are any off-leash areas where I can exercise my dog.

[dogs](#) [parks](#)

1 vote 1 answer 66 views

Apr 2 '15 Ollie

How can I buy land or property from the City?

2 votes 2 answers 31 views

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Can I submit an anonymous tip to the police?

1 vote 1 answer 10 views

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How can I challenge a Pink Parking Ticket?

1 vote 1 answer 8 views

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Who do I contact if my car is towed?

no votes 1 answer 4 views

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What is the Residential Permit Parking Program?

no votes 1 answer 3 views

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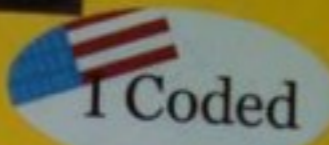
How can I report a water or sewer emergency?

no votes 1 answer 3 views

Feb 20 '15 Office of Community Affairs

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CODE for AMERICA BRIGADE



EVENTS

PROJECTS

- MONTHLY MEETING
"OPEN DATA"
THURS. FEB. 26
6:30 - 8
PITT'S HILLMAN LIBRARY
- WORK NIGHT
THURS. MARCH 5
6:30 - MIDNIGHT
CARNEGIE LIBRARY
LAWRENCEVILLE
- MAPTIME PGH
TBD - MID-MARCH
LEARN MAPS, HAVE FUN

- "THE BLOTTER"
PGH CRIME MAP
- "ASK PGH"
CIVIC Q+A
- "PGH PUNK ARCHIVE"
TELL THE STORY OF THE
PGH PUNK SCENE
- "PGH PIEROGIE MAP"
CONNECT PEOPLE w/
PIEROGIES

- @ Open Pgh
- MEETUP: Open Pittsburgh

Case **study**: Work Nights



WORK. NIGHTS.

ACCELERATE. COLLABORATE. INNOVATE.

Thursday, December 4 | 6 pm – Midnight

Thursday, January 8 | 6 pm – Midnight

Thursday, February 5 | 6 pm – Midnight

- **Build on trust to blur boundaries**
- **Create a magnet for other partners**
- **Document ongoing efforts**

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Our calendar 



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March 21 · 11:00 AM
Carnegie Library Main (Oakland)



AIGA Pittsburgh and Code & Supply jointly present:

Design & Supply

AIGA PITTSBURGH + CODE & SUPPLY PRESENTS:

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&
SUPPLY

15 developers
15 designers
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**setting the
partnership free**



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Let's Speak English Library Band with tubas, flamenco guitar, organ, accordion and male dancers! @carnegielibrary







**this is where it gets
interesting**

play to your strengths



build **safe** spaces

Carnegie Library teams with Allegheny County Jail inmates for unique programs



Keith Hodan | Tribune-Review

During the Literacy Unlocked program, Daquan Starr hugs his son, Isiah Starr, 2, of the Hill District, at the Allegheny County Jail, Saturday, April 19, 2014.

create magnets



show your work



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Thanks to everyone who came to Show Your Work! Sign up for updates on more innovation events: bit.ly/18Os2Hc



the library is a **time capsule**



thank you



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