

Frank Lucchino's Library Legacy

A Timeline

1991 – *A Quiet Crisis: Libraries in Allegheny County* report written and issued by Frank and the Allegheny County Controller's Office

1991 – Commission on the Future of Libraries in Allegheny County (CFLAC) established by the Commissioners of Allegheny County, who appoint Frank as Chair

1992 – County Library Association Serving the People (CLASP) formed, a voluntary association of libraries promoting communication among libraries and working within the library community to address the issues highlighted in *A Quiet Crisis*

1992 – Project Link-Up launched to connect all public libraries in Allegheny County to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's catalog, enabling them to search its larger and more in-depth collections

1993 – Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) established through state legislation, authorizing an additional 1% sales tax collected in Allegheny County to fund libraries and other regional assets

1993 – Knowledge Connection Centers featuring Internet-connected computers, small lending libraries and programming began opening in several public housing communities of the Housing Authority of Allegheny County, including McKees Rocks, Duquesne, Rankin, Braddock, West Mifflin, Natrona Heights and Robinson Township

1993 – Frank appointed to the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate, serving until 1999

1994 – CLASP registered as a nonprofit corporation and was renamed as the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA)

1994 – Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Board of Trustees unanimously elected Frank as a Life Trustee

1995 – ACLA, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the Commission on the Future of Libraries partnered to develop the Electronic Information Network (eiNetwork), computerizing libraries and establishing a common automation system for libraries throughout the County

1996 – eiNetwork launched after CLP Director Bob Croneberger and Frank raised \$11M for computers and software for all libraries in Allegheny County

2004 – Frank named first person to chair Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Board of Trustees after it gains independence from the Carnegie Museums

2006 – Capital Campaign Committee organized with Frank’s leadership to launch Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s first-ever capital campaign, which raised \$58M to build or renovate many CLP library locations

2010 – Frank appointed as Chair of the Public Private Task Force on Sustainable Library Funding to identify and recommend options to enhance the sustainability of Carnegie Library’s future funding

2011 – Frank co-chairs the Joint Committee on Sustainable Library Funding, established to support the *Our Library, Our Future* library referendum process within the City of Pittsburgh

2011 – Special Library Tax to establish a 0.25 mill library tax on real estate overwhelmingly passed by City of Pittsburgh voters with 72% support

2014 – Frank J. Lucchino KIDS Fund at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh established to support innovative ideas and pilot projects in library service that help prepare our neediest young children for school and life success