The organizations underscored their joint commitment to accessibility by demonstrating a new, portable assistive audio technology system available at no cost for cultural organizations in the County. The technology can: amplify sound for those with hearing loss, provide audio description for visual content for people who are blind, and provide simultaneous translation into other languages. The equipment was made possible by a $14,638 grant from RAD to GPAC earlier in June. Since RAD’s Regional Assets are for Everyone initiative began three years ago, RAD has made more than $80,000 in accessibility grants.

At the same meeting, the two organizations dreed a variety of accessibility equipment that is available to be easily shared by the arts and culture community. These include:

- Portable Assistive Listening System, one hosted by GPAC and one by City Theatre (funded by RAD)
- Open Captioning Equipment hosted by City Theatre
- Portable Wheelchair Ramp hosted by Attack Theatre (funded by RAD)
- Portable Wheelchair Lift hosted by The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium for interactive components and tactile signs along with sensory items for the new exhibit, Jungle Trails, scheduled to open in the summer of 2016.

Both Kirk and Swain encouraged those in the public who need accommodations to fully participate in arts and culture, and other regional assets like parks, libraries and sports facilities, to ask organizations to utilize the shared equipment. They also reminded eligible organizations that more than $300,000 remains in RAD grant money this year for RAD-Connection and Accessibility grants. Visit www.radworkshere.org/pages/apply-for-funding

Below from top: meeting participants try out the new Digi Wave assistive listening devices; go to GPAC web

### RAD on the Move

RAD has moved to the Koppers Building. Our new address is 436 Seventh Ave., #2201, Pittsburgh PA 15219. We look forward to seeing you in our new space!

### At-Large Board Member

At a recent business meeting, the appointed members of the RAD board re-elected Danny Rosen, PhD, as the at-large member of the board of directors. The term runs through June of 2018. Dr. Rosen is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh.

### RAD Annual Report

RAD is pleased to publish its 2015 annual report, Seasons of RAD. At RAD, we know that as the seasons change, so do the activities and offerings of our regional assets. Check out the report online at radworkshere.org, or contact us for a copy and find out what’s happening with RAD, winter, spring, summer and fall.

### Summer Reading Time

Summer Reading Time Beach reading, hammock reading, out-in-a-park reading—it’s summer, so it’s a great time to enjoy the outdoors with a book and lose yourself in a new place or with new characters.

In Allegheny County, summer reading programs take place at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and through member libraries of the Allegheny County Library Association. No matter where your card resides, you’re welcome to register for summer reading and attend programs. And, all books and materials in the County system are available to all cardholders, and can be delivered to and returned to any library in the system, thanks to RAD funding.

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RAD’s Citizen Advisory Board gathered at the Frick Art & Historical Center in May to learn more about the asset’s 21st century curating techniques (including a partnership with the online Google Cultural Institute) and recent accessibility improvements. Director Robin Nicholson describes the Frick as a “gem that should not be hidden.” Board members also worked with Pittsburgh artist/muralist Kyle Holbrook to express themselves on canvas in an art piece for the RAD office. Holbrook is the founder of Moving the Lives of Kids Community Mural Project, a nonprofit organization which focuses on the arts, youth development and education www.mlkmural.com. Murals have been created in 13 states, the District of Columbia, and outside the US in five other countries. The canvas that began at the board meeting was transformed by Holbrook into a final piece that now hangs in the conference room at the RAD office (upper right). Pictured in upper left: Brooks Robinson, Jr., Jonathan Cox, Dave Huddleston, Pam Golden, Melissa Bartley, Charles Spence, Lanie Norman, Kyle Holbrook, Dan Griffin (RAD Board Vice-Chair), Christopher Cahillane, Jackie Dixon (RAD Board member), Rich Hudd (RAD Executive Director), Stephen Jackson, Judi Bookheimer and Linda Tanzini Ambrosio.

Summertime is get-outside-time! Go to radworkshore.org links to summer fun (many free!) activities with the regional assets.