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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Detroit Lakes Library (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

Detroit Lakes Regional Library

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1000 Washington Avenue

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Detroit Lakes

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY

Becker

CODE

005

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER: Library

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Detroit Lakes

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall, 720 Lake Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Detroit Lakes

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Becker County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

720 Lake Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Detroit Lakes

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1972

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Detroit Lakes Carnegie Library was built in 1913 according to the designs of the architectural firm of Louis Claude and Edward F. Stark of Madison, Wisconsin. Located near the central business area, this small, brick, library stands out as an architectural gem in the community.

The library is a one story Prairie School styled building erected upon a raised basement. The form and details of the style are evident in the leaded and stained glass windows, terra cotta panels, horizontal massing, and the organic relationship of the structure to its site. The most striking feature of the exterior is the horizontal band of Sullivanesque terra-cotta which encircles the building, broken occasionally by bands of windows directly beneath the wide overhang of the red-tiled, low hipped roof. The high relief terra-cotta ornamental panel combines organic and stylized foliage framed by a geometric band.

The interior of the library is comprised of a full basement divided into storage and office space and on the main floor a simple one room library. Seven foot high oak bookshelves line the walls of the main floor and divide the room into horizontal spaces. A three faced circulation desk stands in the center of the floor behind which is a librarians' desk. To the left is a brick fireplace.

Suspended fluorescent lights hung in ornamental cast brass cradles, congruous with the building's design, oak doors to which the original knobs and locks were attached, and steam heat constitute the structural changes which have taken place over the past 62 years.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1913 - present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Louis Claude, Edward F. Stark, architects

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Detroit Lakes Library lies both in the role that it has played in the intellectual and cultural growth of the small northern Minnesota community of Detroit Lakes and in the architectural style which it represents.

In 1911 the Carnegie Foundation of New York granted \$10,000 for the construction of a community library in Detroit Lakes. Utilizing a design prepared by the architectural firm of Claude and Stark the library was completed by 1913. Since its completion the building has served not only as the community's only library but also as a supply storage center for the Red Cross and as a center for the Red Cross and as a central book distribution facility supplying early independent schools with textbooks. Its recent affiliation with the Lake Agassiz Regional Library System has brought about a marked increase in community services.

Architecturally, the library is a fine example of the Prairie School style of architecture. The library combines the design elements of the Prairie School style with a Sullivanesque ornamentation. The harmony created by this combination was purposefully articulated by the architects Edward F. Stark and Louis Claude, the latter having worked with both Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan.

The sound condition and continuous serviceability of the library attest to the excellence of Claude and Stark's design, a design limited only by the size of the \$10,000 grant originally allotted by the Carnegie Foundation for its construction.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Becker County Record: 6/11/09, 3/4/10, 9/13/12, 12/13/12, 1/7/13, 2/28/12, 5/30/13, 11/14/13, 4/17/16, 4/18/35, 4/14/54, 10/30/58, 4/11/60, 5/27/71, 11/22/72.

Correspondence between Library Committee and the Carnegie Foundation (December 22, 1911 - February 20, 1913).

Detroit Lakes Library Board Minutes.

Detroit Lakes Tribune: 11/16/33, 6/30/38, 3/15/51, 12/22/73.

Records filed with the Plains Architectural Heritage, Fargo, North Dakota.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lynne VanBrocklin, Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

4 September 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612-726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10/31/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

3/16/76

ATTEST

Robert B. Ketting
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-15-76

Acting

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Detroit Lakes Library in Becker
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 76001045

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Becker

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Detroit Lakes Carnegie Library

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date