

# Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation  
Iowa State Historical Department  
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 69-014-004

District Name \_\_\_\_\_

Map Reference # \_\_\_\_\_

## Identification

1. Site Name Red Oak Public Library
2. Village/Town/City Red Oak Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Montgomery
3. Street Address 2nd and Washington Streets
4. Legal Location \_\_\_\_\_  

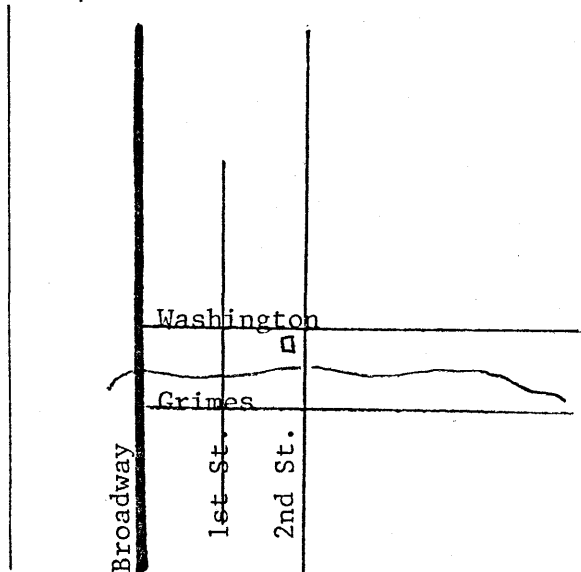
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Urban: Rural:	subdivision township	block range	parcel section subparcel ¼ section of ¼ section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 311250 northing 4551200; Acreage 2/
6. Owner(s) Name City of Red Oak
7. Owner(s) Address \_\_\_\_\_  

	<u>Red Oak, Iowa 51566</u>	
(Street address)	(City)	(State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

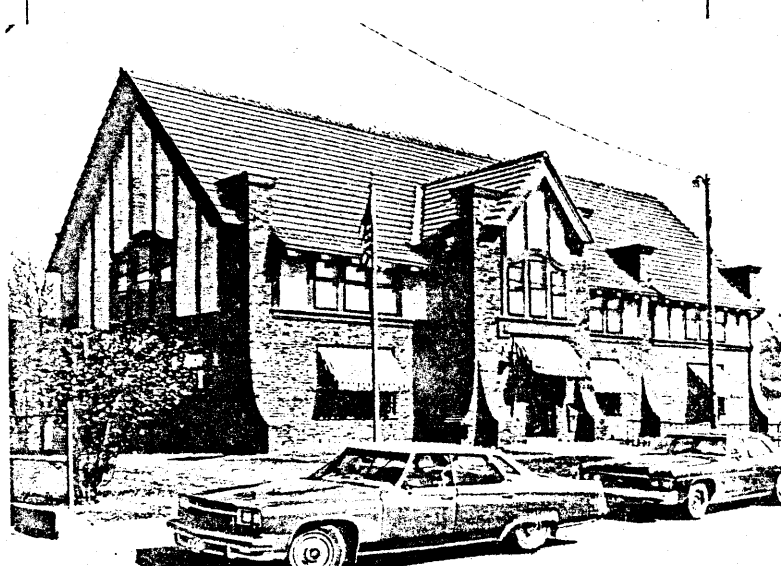
## Description

9. Date of Construction 1909 Architect/Builder XXX Patton & Miller, Chicago
10. Building Type:
  - single-family dwelling
  - multiple-family dwelling
  - commercial
  - industrial
  - educational
  - other institutional
  - public
  - religious
  - agricultural
11. Exterior Walls:  clapboard  stone  brick  board and batten  shingles  stucco  
 other with wood trim
12. Structural System:  wood frame with interlocking joints  wood frame with light members (balloon frame)  
 masonry load-bearing walls  iron frame  steel frame with curtain walls  reinforced concrete  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
13. Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
14. Integrity:  original site  moved—if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:  
Two-story addition at center rear to provide space for a new bookstack (1924); two-story addition (reading rooms) on south side (1959). Both additions sympathetic.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn  other farm structures  carriage house  garage  privy  other \_\_\_\_\_
16. Is the building endangered?  no  yes—if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Surroundings of the building:  open land  woodland  scattered outbuildings  densely built-up  commercial  
 industrial  residential  other \_\_\_\_\_

## 18. Map



## 19. Photo



# Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

## 19. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

The Red Oak Public Library is a highly successful side-gable-end library building in a rustic brick-and-half-timber style. It is a two-story building and is unusual in having its front entrance at grade (see Onawa, 1908, also by Patton and Miller, where this is the case as well). Of particular interest is the skeletal character given the building by the treatment of the corners as buttresses (see the similar feature at Onawa). These rise from base blocks in a gentle concave curve and then disappear into the walls, to emerge again above the eaves as chunks of parapet. The plan, before the additions, conformed to Type III, unusual only in the organization of the center-rear bookstack into alcoves.

## 20. Historical Significance

Theme(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

- DHPFIR, F. Hunter, 1979.
- DHPLSQ-1, Jeanette E. Winters, Librarian.
- Prints of architect's drawings in possession of Red Oak Public Library.

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

## For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: \_\_\_\_\_
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Subject Traces

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Photo Images 425/3; 457/16-27;  
443/6A-31A.