

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Pipestone Public Library COUNTY: Pipestone JAN 8 1980
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 CURRENT NAME: Senior Center CITY/TWP.: Pipestone
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 10,11, & 12, Block 5 ADDRESS: NE corner 3rd Street SE
 Nichol's Addition, ex. E 3' and South Hiawatha Avenue

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u> X </u>	Excellent <u> X </u>	Local <u> X </u>	Primary <u> </u> Education
Structure <u> </u>	Good <u> </u>	State <u> </u>	Secondary <u> </u> Architecture
Object <u> </u>	Fair <u> </u>	National <u> </u>	Others <u> </u>
District <u> </u>	Deteriorated <u> </u>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No Restricted PRESENT USE:
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No Senior citizen's center
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1904 ORIGINAL USE: Library
 ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Pipestone ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Joseph Schwartz/
 George Redmon

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Pipestone ACREAGE: Less than one acre X
 Pipestone, MN

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: UTM REFERENCE:
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FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey
 DATE: March 1979 Pipestone South, Minn.; 1:24,000

DESCRIPTION:

The Pipestone Library is a two-story building constructed of Sioux quartzite. With the exception of the northeast corner, which is rounded, the building is rectilinear in shape. The entrance to the building is articulated by a gable wall which projects from the front of the building. The door openings are defined by centric pointed arches constructed of Jasper stone. A circular stained glass window is located above the door and enclosed in the arch. A raised relief panel depicting an open book is located on the front gable.

The first floor of the library is divided into a single large room and several smaller rooms. (The latter were used for conference, storage, and mechanical spaces.) The second floor is completely free of partitions; it originally functioned at the main reading room and reception area. The first and second stories are separated by a wide band of Jasper stone. Second story windows are double hung. A fixed window directly above each of these double hung windows is separated by a Jasper stone lintel.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Pipestone Library is one of the architecturally significant Carnegie libraries constructed in Minnesota. It reflects the local emphasis on education and the influence of the Carnegie Foundation in the construction of small town libraries. (Carnegie provided a typical donation: \$10,000 for the building provided the city would donate the site and contribute \$1,000 per year for maintenance.) Joseph Schwartz of Sioux Falls designed the library and local builder George S. Redmon constructed the building. The building is an important outlier to Pipestone's main street architectural district previously listed on the National Register. (It is located two blocks south of Main Street.) Successful adaptive use as a senior citizens' center insures preservation.

