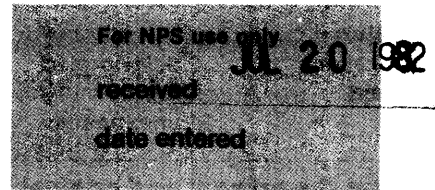


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Janesville Free Public Library

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 102 West 2nd St. N/A not for publication

city, town Janesville N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~ N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Waseca code 161

3. Classification

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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name City of Janesville

street & number 219 North Main Street

city, town Janesville N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds -- Waseca County Courthouse

street & number 307 North State Street

city, town Waseca state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Janesville Free Public Library is located at the intersection of Main and Second Streets in Janesville, Minnesota. It is a Neo-Classical one-story rectangular building constructed of beige brick with stone columns, window sills, and belt course. Centered on the front facade is an entrance portico in the Tuscan Order with two buff stone columns enclosed by wide brick pilasters.

The glass panel door is balanced by two 8-paneled side-lights with a transom consisting of sixteen triangular panes. New window glass has been fitted in the original sashes. Wooden trim is painted buff/yellow, is in harmony with the building materials.

The interior has been unaltered, retaining original bookcases, table desks and chairs.

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <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 1912 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Janesville Free Public Library is significant as a well-preserved component part of the group of 65 libraries in Minnesota financed by Andrew Carnegie. Built in 1912 at a cost of \$6,195.20, five thousand of which was donated by Andrew Carnegie, the remaining sum was raised locally. Exemplary of the community support, the prominent Main Street site was donated by a local landowner. The Janesville Free Public Library manifested community commitment at the time it was constructed, and it continues to elicit community support. The Library Board has received nearly \$2,000 from locally based donations to fund needed maintenance on the building. The Library stands as a focal point for community identity.

Architecturally, the building is significant as a prominent, well-preserved and maintained example of public Neo-Classical design in the city of Janesville and Waseca County. Often, the imposing locally distinctive presence of a Carnegie Library survives as a particularly visible example of philanthropic contributions by wealthy turn-of-the-century industrialists.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Janesville 1856-1956, Janesville Centennial Committee, 1956.
History From The Sidewalks, A Map of Historic Janesville, Waseca County Historical Society, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Janesville Quad. Minn.-Waseca Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The south 2/3 of lot 1, Block 6, Original Plat of Janesville.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Peggy Korsmo-Kennon, Director; Jan Brown, Curator

organization Waseca County Historical Society

date May 1, 1982

street & number P.O. Box 314

telephone 507-835-7700

city or town Waseca

state Minnesota 56093

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

date

7/9/82

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Albous Dye
Keeper of the National Register

entered in the
National Register

date

8/19/82

Affect:

date

Chief of Registration