

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 40-018-009

District Name _____

Map Reference # _____

Identification

1. Site Name Kendall Young Library
2. Village/Town/City Webster City Township _____ County Hamilton
3. Street Address 1201 Willson Avenue
4. Legal Location original Webster City 27 Lots 1 & 2

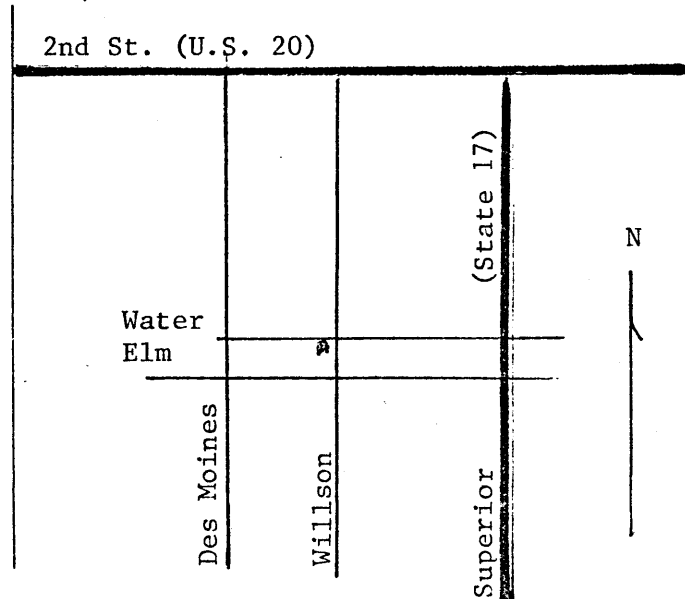
Urban:	subdivision	block	parcel
Rural:	township	range	section
subparcel		subparcel	
% section of 1/4 section		% section of 1/4 section	
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 431200 northing 4700800; Acreage _____
6. Owner(s) Name City of Webster City
7. Owner(s) Address _____ Webster City, Iowa 50595
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present library Original library

Description

9. Date of Construction 1904-05 Architect/Builder W.W. Patton & Miller, Chicago
10. Building Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
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:
Exterior sandblasted(1975).
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

Roll 576 Frame 3 View E facade



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 Kendall Young Public Library, one of the truly distinctive libraries in Iowa, far surpasses other classical libraries in its lavishness. The front facade is predominantly rusticated masonry. This is found on the bevelled corners, which reflect the diagonal corners of the reading rooms, and the wide center pavilion with its convex sides. The distyle portico is in a florid Ionic order, with much relief decoration in the entablature and the pediment. The interior (Plan Type III) is equally elaborate. The delivery room is domed in stained glass and separated from the reading rooms by screens of square marble columns. The reading rooms feature deep plaster cornices and coved ceilings. In one rear corner is an art reference room (now used as an office) with walls panelled in wood.

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.):

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- Inland Architect and News Record. Vol. XLIII. March 1903. Plate of architect's rendering of exterior.
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- Kendall Young and the Kendall Young Library of Webster City, Iowa. Webster City: Library Trustees, n.d.

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Organization _____

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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 360/26-44 & 1-6; 1308/6-7;
362/7; 364/7-14; 587/29-44&1-2;
576/3; 362/4-6.