

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
Carnegie Libraries in Nebraska, 1899 to 1922

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instruction)

EDUCATION/library

COMMERCE/TRADE/professional—engineering/
architectural office
WORK IN PROGRESS

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th century revivals
Classical Revival

foundation Brick
walls Brick

roof Asphalt Shingle
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[x] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or a grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Education

Period of Significance

1910-1948

Significant Dates

1910

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

J.C. Stitt, Architect

L.H. Woerth, Contractor

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location for Additional Data:

- [x] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property Less than one

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	630970	4654380	3.			
2.				4.			

[] See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Duane H. Upton, Senior Vice Presidentorganization Johnson-Erickson-O'Brien & Associates, Inc.date July 1998street & number Box 1424telephone 402.371.6416city or town Norfolkstate NEzip code 68702-1424**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title Johnson-Erickson-O'Brien & Associates, Inc.street & number Box 1424telephone 402.371.6416city or town Norfolkstate NEzip code 68702-1424

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Norfolk Carnegie Library

Name of Property

Madison County, Nebraska

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The Norfolk Carnegie Library is located at the West End of the downtown business district of Norfolk, Nebraska. The front of the building faces north and overlooks Norfolk's main thoroughfare, Norfolk Avenue. The library, completed in 1910, is one of 68 Carnegie Libraries constructed in Nebraska during the last phase of the Carnegie Library "wholesale" period and conforms to the building plan prototype established by Carnegie. The library is rectangular shaped, one story with a raised basement and is designed for efficiency. The original exterior configuration and detailing of the building remains in tact.

The Norfolk Carnegie Library, constructed in 1910, is a one-story brick structure with a raised basement and a hipped roof. The brick is a reddish fired brick with iron spots. The trimmings are cream sandstone. Measurements of the rectangular shaped building are 60 feet by 44 feet. The building is of the Classical Revival style. The windows are placed symmetrically and are double hung. The words "Public Library" are inscribed in a stone header above the entrance. The entrance features double doors with sidelights and a transom.

The interior of the library's main floor originally included a foyer, central book delivery, stock room, librarian's office, study room and two reading rooms. In 1997, seven foot high, glass partition walls were constructed to provide office space in the east and west reading rooms. The interior retains its original 13 foot high ceilings, oak ceiling molding, baseboard, paneled doors, window and door surrounds as well as the three-quarter inch ceramic floor tile of the foyer. The wood lath and sand plaster walls are sound and undamaged. The original wood floors have been covered at different points in time with battleship linoleum, asphalt tile and carpet.

An interior stairway to the right of the foyer leads to the raised basement where a lecture room with a stage, classroom, coal bin, boiler room, kitchen and restrooms are located. In 1953, the coal-fired boiler was replaced with a gas-fired boiler and the coal bin was converted to a storage room. In 1997, the gas fired boiler as well as the steam piping and radiators were removed and a forced air heating and air conditioning system was installed. At this same time, the stage was removed from the lecture room and the exterior basement walls were insulated and covered with drywall. The existing windows and doors as well as the wood molding surrounds were retained in place. The interior wood lath and sand plaster walls were retained.

The building currently functions as an office for a planning and engineering firm. This conversion has been sensitively completed and the building retains a high degree of historic integrity representing this building type and style well.

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The Norfolk Carnegie Library meets the registration requirements of the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Carnegie Libraries in Nebraska, 1899 to 1922", and is significantly associated with the historic context "Educational Enrichment: Carnegie Libraries". The property is locally significant in the area of public education (Criterion A) as an important example of the property type "Carnegie Libraries in Nebraska" as well as the distinctive characteristics of the Classical Revival style of architecture (Criterion C). The period of significance is derived from the year of its construction and operation as a library which began in 1910 and extends to the established fifty year cut-off year of 1948. This period is justified because the building was a functioning library throughout the period.

The Norfolk Public Library first opened its doors on July 7, 1906 with a collection of 400 books. The Norfolk Women's Club had been working for a public library almost from the beginning of the club's founding ten years earlier. In 1908, the operation was transferred from the Women's Club to the City of Norfolk and became a free public library. In 1908, a movement was begun to secure building funds from Andrew Carnegie. Construction of the building, which is located on the southwest corner of 8th Street and Norfolk Avenue was begun in 1909 and completed in September of 1910. Carnegie made a grant of \$10,000 with the stipulation that the city must provide 10% of the amount annually to maintain the facility.

The building served as a public library until 1978 when it was adopted to another use, that being a public art gallery. The Norfolk Art Center occupied the building until June of 1997 when it was sold to the engineering/architectural firm of Johnson-Erickson-O'Brien and Associates, Inc.

The building stands today as a major landmark in Norfolk and is a testament to the Classical Revival style of architecture of the early 20th Century. The example of the academic genre marks this building with exceptional significance.

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Finn, Sally Ann. “A History of the Norfolk Public Library, Norfolk, Nebraska-1965 – 1985”.

Wickman, Alma. “Norfolk Public Library, 1906 – 1956”.

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 1, 2, 3, and east 14 feet of Lot 4, Block 2, Koenigstein’s 3rd Addition to the City of Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska.

Boundary Justification

The Norfolk Carnegie Library lies wholly within the legally recorded description of Lots 1, 2, 3, and east 14 feet of Lot 4, Block 2, Koenigstein’s 3rd Addition to the City of Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska.