

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview Carnegie
Libraries, Ramsey County

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HISTORIC AND COMMON NAME: St. Anthony Park Branch Library (Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul TR)

LOCATION: 2245 W. Como Avenue
St. Paul 4th Congressional District
Minnesota Code 22 Ramsey County Code 123

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY OF DESIGN: Unaltered
Original Site

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1916

ARCHITECT: Charles Hausler

BUILDER: Cameron and Company

DESCRIPTION:

The Beaux Arts-inspired St. Anthony Park Branch Library is situated diagonally on a large site at the corner of Como and Carter Avenues in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, in the northwest corner of St. Paul. The building is very similar to the Riverview Branch Library on the West Side. The building has a symmetrical, seven bay facade with a central entrance, and has a hipped red tile roof. The building has a coursed ashlar stone base and the exterior walls are faced in brown brick. It features large rounded arched openings along the main facade and side walls. The rounded arches are supported by brick pilasters with sculpted capitals featuring scroll and shell motifs. The rounded arches are delineated with decorative brickwork with star motifs in the spandrels. The frieze has corner rondels, and the words "St. Anthony Park Branch Library." The cornice features dentils divided by gilded balls, egg and dart molding, and modillions. The main entrance to the building consists of two sets of stairs perpendicular to the building which rest on a cut stone base with wrought iron balustrade. The building is basically intact, although some changes have been made to the entrance, fenestration, and interior.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: Excluding southwesterly 7 feet for avenue, Lots 21 through 24, Block 37, St. Anthony Park North.

Acreeage: less than 1. St. Paul West Quad. 7.5. UTM References, 15 / 484840 / 4980520

SIGNIFICANCE: See #8