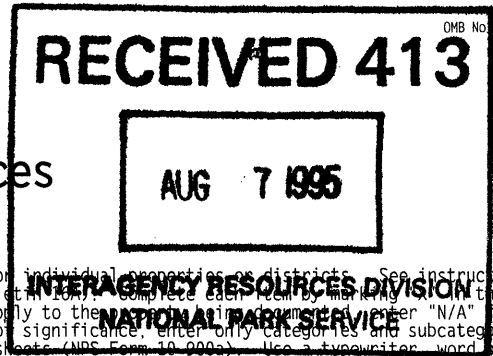


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each section of the form by entering the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Kanab Library

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 6 South 100 East

N/A not for publication

city or town Kanab

N/A vicinity

state Utah code UT county Kane

code 025 zip code 84741

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William S. Mart
Signature of certifying official/title

8/2/94
Date

Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. **Entered in the National Register.**
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for
Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall

Date of Action

9-7-95

Kanab Library
Name of Property

Kanab, Kane County, Utah
City, County, and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Public Works Buildings Thematic Resource

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: library

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY: Prairie School
MODERN MOVEMENT: Art Deco

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Sandstone
walls BRICK

roof OTHER: built-up
other _____

Narrative Description

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

Kanab Library
Name of Property

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

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

- 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.
- 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" on all 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 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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

EDUCATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

1939-45

Significant Dates

1939-45

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Carson F. Wells, Jr. (architect)

W.P.A. (builder)

Mark E. Pope (builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

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 of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

X See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

Kanab Library
Name of Property

Kanab, Kane County, Utah
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.17 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A 1/2 3/6/4/7/5/0 4/1/0/1/1/5/0
Zone Easting Northing

B / / / / / / / / / / /
Zone Easting Northing

C / / / / / / / / / / /

D / / / / / / / / / / /

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning NW corner Lot 3, Blk 14, Plat A, Kanab Townsite th E 188.5 feet, S 50 feet, W 99.5 feet, NW'LY 104 feet to beginning.

___ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that have historically been and continue to be associated with the building.

___ See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

11. Form Prepared By

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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/or 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

name City of Kanab

street & number 70 North Main

telephone (801)

city or town Kanab

state UT zip code 84741

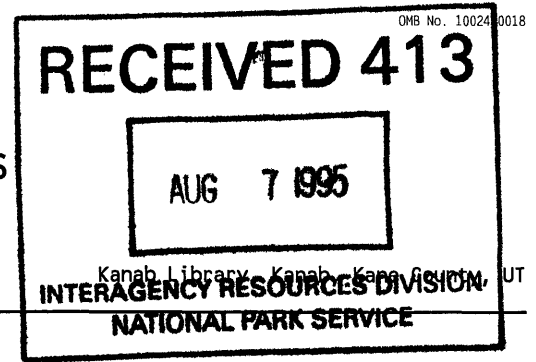
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Narrative Description

The Kanab Library is located in the center of the city where Main Street converges with 100 East. The building is located southwest of the middle school with the entrance of this one-story building is located in the north-facing elevation with its west elevation facing 100 East. The site is fully landscaped with a lawn and shrubs, with a sidewalk running diagonally in front of the library.

This rectangular block brick building displays features of both the Prairie School and Art Deco styles and is a good example of the design eclecticism found in Utah's public works architecture from the 1930s.¹ The design is symmetrical and decoration includes an abundance of abstract geometric stick-work at the corners above the entrance, and below the edge of the roof. Such ornament is indicative of the Prairie School, but the abstract geometry of the stick-work itself is strongly suggestive of Art Deco influences. These features serve to visually break up the rigidly formal appearance of the building.

Double fixed-light wooden doors are flanked by double-hung wooden windows, mimicking the pattern of the stick-work above. Rock-faced stone is used for the foundation and for the stairways leading to both the front and side entrances. The building is distinctively polychromatic, with the deep brown of the brick walls contrasting with the subtle hues of the sandstone foundation, the panels of cream-colored plaster between the windows and the flat roof, and the white stick-work.

Aluminum porches have been added to cover the main stairway and the stairway leading to the basement. These changes, however, are relatively minor and do not significantly detract from the historic integrity of the building.

___ See continuation sheet

¹ A similar building was constructed in Salina, Sevier County, in 1936-37. See Section #8 for description.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Kanab Library, built in 1939-40, is part of the Public Works Buildings Thematic Resource Nomination and is significant because it helps document the impact of New Deal programs in Utah, which was one of the states that the Great Depression of the 1930s most severely affected. In 1933 Utah had an unemployment rate of 63 percent, the fourth highest in the country, and for the period 1932-1940 Utah's unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. Because the depression hit Utah so hard, federal programs were extensive in the state. Overall, per capita federal spending in Utah during the 1930s was ninth among the 48 states, and the percentage of workers on federal work projects was far above the national average. Building programs were of great importance. During the 1930s virtually every public building constructed in Utah, including county courthouses, city halls, fire stations, national guard armories, public school buildings, and a variety of others, were built under federal programs by one of several agencies, including the Civil Works Administration (CWA), the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the National Youth Administration (NYA), the Works Progress Administration (WPA), or the Public Works Administration (PWA), and almost without exception none of the buildings would have been built when they were without the assistance of the federal government.

The Kanab Library is one of 226 buildings constructed in Utah during the 1930s and early 1940s under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and other New Deal programs (excluding the Civilian Conservation Corp). Of those 226 buildings, 130 are still standing and eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Of the 226, 4 were public libraries. This is one of three that remain. In Kane County, five New Deal era buildings were constructed and two of them are left.

The Kanab Library had been founded in 1915 but had never occupied adequate quarters and had moved repeatedly. Its formal opening took place on September 12, 1915, in the southeast room of the Jepson Building which was then being used by Kanab High School as a classroom. In January 1918 the library moved into the new Kanab High School building and several years later to the upstairs of the old Opera House. The room there was cramped and small, and two years later the library moved into the northwest room of the Kane County Courthouse. It remained there for 19 years. The room became more and more crowded during that time as the collections of the library grew. In addition the room was inadequately heated by a smokey coal stove with a chimney outlet through the upper part of a window.²

In 1938 the city council's application for construction of a library building as a WPA project was approved. An \$8,000 bond election was held in the fall of 1938 with the project gaining voter approval. The city of Salina in Sevier County had just completed a library building and agreed to let

² Robinson, Adonis Findlay. History of Kane County. Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1970.

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Kanab use the same plans at no cost.³ The Salina Library was designed by architect, Carson F. Wells. He was born in Willard, Utah in 1880, married Margaret Dummer in 1902, and studied architecture through the International Correspondence School. Wells designed numerous schools and public structures throughout Utah during his career.

Thus the Kanab Library is essentially a duplicate of the Salina Library. The only differences are the use of stone rather than concrete for the foundation and stairway walls, a squared rather than arched doorway, and an additional geometric motif on the upper wall at the corners on the Kanab Library.

The Kanab Library was built between 1939 and 1940 as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project at an approximate cost of \$18,000. It was constructed on land near the high school so that "the institution can render great assistance in supplying references and reading materials for the elementary and high school students, as well as for the general public".⁴ The school board purchased the land for that purpose on the condition that two rooms in the basement of the east end of the completed library building be used for school offices.

Construction began in the early spring of 1939 and local materials were used. Mark E. Pope, presumably a local builder, was in charge of the construction and was assisted by W.P.A. laborers.⁵ The city council leased the Johnson sawmill on the Kaibab Forest and, with a WPA crew, cut enough lumber for the building and more to sell to get money to buy doors, windows, etc. The city also built a brick kiln in the northeast cove of Kanab and made the bricks for the building. Enough bricks were made not only to build the library but also to sell for needed cash.

The library moved into the new building on February 12, 1940. At that time it had a collection of approximately 6,000 books and between 2,000 and 3,000 magazines. From 1940 until 1944 the Kanab High School used the library for a study hall and the city librarian supervised the students. The building remained as the city's library through the historic period (1945). Since 1963 the library has been jointly operated by the Kane School District and City of Kanab.⁶

³ Ibid.

⁴ Kane County Standard. November 11, 1938, p. 1.

⁵ Kane County Standard, November 11, 1938.

⁶ Adonis Findlay Robinson, History of Kane County (Kane County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1970), pp. 259-266.

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Common Label Information:

1. Kanab Library
2. Kanab, Kane County, Utah
3. Photographer: Beth Martin
4. Date: July 1995
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

Photo No. 1:

6. Northwest elevation of building. Camera facing southeast.

Photo No. 2:

6. North elevation of building. Camera facing south.

Photo No. 3:

6. South elevation of building. Camera facing north.