

**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

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1. Name

historic Thief River Falls Public Library

and/or common Carnegie Library

2. Location

street & number 102 North Main Ave. N/A not for publication

city, town Thief River Falls N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Pennington code 113

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name City of Thief River Falls

street & number N/A

city, town Thief River Falls N/A vicinity of Minnesota state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pennington County Courthouse -- Registrar of Deeds

street & number N/A

city, town Thief River Falls Minnesota state

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources 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 Minnesota state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Thief River Falls Public Library is located on the edge of the downtown area of the community of Thief River Falls.

The one story rectangular building is built of Twin City tapestry brick with Bedford stone trim. The front facade features a projecting entrance pavilion with double doors, leaded glass sidelights and transom, and a stone door surround and name plate with the words "public library". The staircase leading to the entrance is flanked by two light standards. Symmetrical fenestration includes three part sash with leaded glass transoms on the front facade and shorter two part sash on the other facades. Bedford stone is used for sills and keystones, as well as for the base of the building. The entire structure is encircled by a modillioned cornice.

The only major alteration to the exterior of the building is the replacement of the original metal shingles (imitating tile) with asphalt shingles.

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/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect** ~~XXXXXX~~ Joseph C. Lutz

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Thief River Falls Public Library is significant as a well-preserved component of the group of Carnegie financed libraries in Minnesota, and locally notable for the quality of its design and for the association of local firms with the building's construction. Construction on the building began in 1914, and dedication ceremonies were held in May of 1915. The architect of the building was Joseph C. Lutz, and the millwork and shelving were done by the Thief River Falls Manufacturing Company, both local firms. As a well preserved civic building and a center of educational activity, the library, like numerous other well-preserved Carnegie libraries in small Minnesota communities, is a prominent component in the local building stock.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Thief River Falls News-Press, May 13, 1915.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1

Quadrangle name Thief River Falls Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A 14 709820 5332960
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 21,22, 23, and 24, Block 57, Original Townsite of the city of Thief River Falls.

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

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society date 16 February 1983

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 8/30/83

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

Entered in the National Register

date 10/6/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration