

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Goldendale Free Public Library *(Carnegie Libraries of Washington)*

and/or Common

Goldendale Community Library

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 669130

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Street & Number

Goldendale

- not for publication

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City, Town

- vicinity of

Goldendale

State

County

Washington

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3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership:

public

private

both

Status:

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Present Use:

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

Library

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

City of Goldendale

Street & Number

City, Town

Goldendale

- vicinity of

State

Washington

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Materials on file at Goldendale Community Library.

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

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Organization

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Date

July 1981

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Olympia

State

Washington 98504

7. DESCRIPTION

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed
Circle one: unaltered altered
Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.
attach photo

The Goldendale library is a rectangular brick building about 50' x 80' in a pleasant residential neighborhood near downtown Goldendale. The building has a gable roof of composition shingles with parapets at the gable ends. This feature is repeated on a small extension for the main entry on the south facade. Fenestration consists entirely of one-over-one double hung windows, with larger ones in front on the south facade. Each gable end has a circular opening for attic ventilation. The interior has been somewhat modernized, but the original walls remain in place. The main public area is reached by stairs which are partly outside and partly inside the building. Below this area is a daylight basement.

Verbal boundary description: Lots 10, 11, and 12 in
Block 23 of John J. Golden's Central Addition to Town
of Goldendale.
Acreage: Less than one.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1913	Builder/Architect	Doyle & Paterson
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a. History

The site of the library was purchased from James and Amanda Stackhouse in 1912 in anticipation of a Carnegie construction grant. The purchaser and the driving force behind the establishment of a library was the Women's Association. This organization still exists as a chapter of the Federated Women's Clubs. The building was constructed in 1914, two years after the land purchase. The architect was Doyle and Paterson of Portland, Oregon. The first book in the new library was Mill on the Floss, and the library still keeps a copy of this book in its collection as a tie to the past. In 1973 the library joined the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Association.

b. Evaluation of Significance

This building is a good, unaltered example of a small Carnegie Library, and it has played a significant role in the intellectual and cultural history of the community. Arthur E. Doyle of the firm of Doyle and Patterson was the leading architect of Portland, Oregon, for many years. One of his most significant works is the Carnegie-financed Central Building of the Multnomah Public Library in that city.