

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Carnegie Public Library

and/or common Dell Rapids Public Library

2. Location

street & number 513 North Orleans

N/A not for publication

city, town Dell Rapids

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

code 46

county Minnehaha

code 099

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> N/A in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name City of Dell Rapids

street & number 302 E. 4th Street

city, town Dell Rapids

N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Minnehaha County Courthouse

street & number 514 N. Dakota

city, town Sioux Falls

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A

N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A

state N/A

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on a corner lot, the Carnegie Public Library in Dell Rapids is a 28' by 56' rectangular building topped with a hipped roof and constructed of native Sioux quartzite with limestone trim. The building, which is characterized by its symmetrical composition, exhibits neo-classical architectural features. The 17' X 10' central raised entranceway which projects from the building on the east facade has a wood pediment and flat Ionic columns flanking the double front door. A belt course visually separates the two levels of the building. An unadorned cornice is located beneath the overhang of the roof.

Fenestration includes one-over-one sash rectangular windows with limestone sills and lintels on the upper floor and smaller, square windows with limestone sills and lintels on the lower level. The front vestibule has a one-over-one sash rectangular window on both the north and south sides. Four windows flank either side of the front entranceway. There are six windows on the west facade, eight windows on the north facade, and eight windows on the south facade. Two new fire doors have replaced the lower level windows on the west facade.

The front door (which has a transom and is topped with a limestone crown) leads to the vestibule. On the interior, there are two primary spaces on both the upper and lower levels. The upper level, which now has a drop ceiling, is the main reference and reading area while the lower level serves as a children's library.

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

Specific dates 1910 **Builder/Architect** B.J. Sweatt, Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Serving the residents of Dell Rapids for over 75 years, the Carnegie Public Library of Dell Rapids is significant in the area of education.

In 1901, the Dell Rapids women's club began soliciting aid from philanthropists for funds to be used for the construction of a city library. A \$6,000 grant was finally awarded from Andrew Carnegie with the stipulation that a \$500 maintenance donation be provided by the city of Dell Rapids. Records also show that the women's club members raised additional money for the library by sponsoring numerous suppers, food sales, socials, recitals, musicals, lectures, parties, and book and rummage sales.¹

B.J. Sweatt of Boone, Iowa, was hired to design the library which was completed in 1910.² Sweatt chose native Sioux quartzite for the building - a material used for many of the commercial buildings in downtown Dell Rapids. Characterized by its symmetrical composition, the building exhibits neoclassical architectural features such as the raised entranceway with wood pediment and flat Ionic columns flanking the front door.

At the time it was constructed, the library in Dell Rapids was one of only 19 public libraries in the State of South Dakota. Unlike many older libraries that outlive their usefulness or necessitate expansion, the Carnegie Library in Dell Rapids has remained unchanged throughout the years and still serves as the community's learning center.

¹ "Dell Rapids Library Has Milestone", Sioux Falls Argus Leader, March 18, 1950.

² Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- See Continuation Sheet -

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less Than One Acre

Quadrangle name Dell Rapids

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description: Lot 1, Block 34, Original City of Dell Rapids, Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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state South Dakota

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

title Director, Office of History date 11/10/86

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

Entered in the National Register

date 2-3-86

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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