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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 vestible 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 vestible. 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 prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture art commerce communications	community planning conservation economics X education	music philosophy	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
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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", <u>Sioux Falls Argus Leader</u>, March 18, 1950.

^{2 &}lt;u>Ibid</u>.

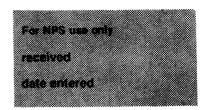
9. Major Bibliographical References

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