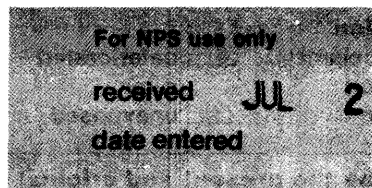


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



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

1. Name

historic Two Harbors Carnegie Library

and/or common Two Harbors Public Library

2. Location

street & number 4th Avenue and Waterfront Drive N/A not for publication

city, town Two Harbors N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Minnesota code 22 county Lake code 075

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name City of Two Harbors

street & number 610 2nd Avenue

city, town Two Harbors N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55616

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lake County Courthouse

street & number 3rd Avenue and Waterfront Drive

city, town Two Harbors state Minnesota 55616

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1984  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

# 7. Description

|  |                                       |   |   |                                     |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" 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 Two Harbors Carnegie Library, completed in 1909, is located on the southeast corner of 4th Avenue and Waterfront Drive, three blocks from the business district. The structure is surrounded by churches and residential buildings. The library was designed by Austin Terryberry, a Duluth architect, at the cost of \$15,000.00

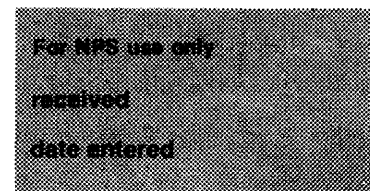
Influenced by Neo-Classical styling, the library is a one story structure of Twin City pressed brick, trimmed with red cut sandstone. The building is 56' by 44' with 16" thick walls. The basement is under the entire building. The structure has a low-pitched hipped roof. The main facade is dominated by a projecting portico framed by two columns of stone. The main entrance consists of a arched brick entry. The lettering "Carnegie Library" is in raised characters on the frieze. Quoins are found on all corners. All windows have thick stone lintels and thin stone sills. The basement windows are 6/1 sash while main floor windows are double hung, the upper sash having diamond-shaped lights. In 1983 a new addition, of light colored brick, was constructed to the south to provide an additional 4,000 square feet and a street level entry. The central entrance of the main building was closed. The one story addition has a flat roof. The addition was designed by Architectural Resources, Inc. and was funded in part by the Iron Range Resources Rehabilitation Board. At the same time the library grounds were landscaped.

The interior of the main floor is finished in golden oak and the basement is finished in Georgia pine with maple floors. At the time the building was contracted the ceiling on the main floor was tinted fawn color and the walls displayed a green tint. The main floor was constructed as one large room divided by book cases. The basement housed two large clubrooms, cloakroom, toilet room, furnace and coal rooms. Currently the new addition housed the main library services. The interior of the 1909 section retains most original features.

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Terryberry, besides designing the library, designed the Two Harbors City Hall (1906), and in Duluth the Crane Building (1905), the H.R. Armstrong residence (1905), and two sets of townhouses (1906) (1909). The Neo-classical design of his Two Harbors Library makes the building a distinctive landmark in the Two Harbors community.

Since its beginnings in 1896 the Two Harbors Library was the only library serving Lake County until 1955, when a library was built in Silver Bay, a new town created by Reserve Mining Co. In 1974 the Two Harbors Library joined the Arrowhead Library System which encompasses seven counties in Northeastern Minnesota.

## 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       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
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| <input 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** 1909 **Builder/Architect** : Austin Terryberry

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Two Harbors Carnegie Library is historically significant as the only public library building existing in Lake County until 1955 and as the home of a public institution that has served Two Harbors and Lake County since 1896. Built with funds donated by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the structure is architecturally significant as one of several public structures erected during a building boom and as a building designed by Duluth architect Austin Terryberry.

Behind the initiative of A.A. Radley, a small group of books was collected during the summer of 1896 as part of a social center to be established for Two Harbors to offset the twenty-two saloons operating in town. Thomas Owens, a leading citizen, provided a room next to his office where the collection of books could be used. On November 27, 1896 a meeting was held to draft by-laws for a permanent organization. A combination library, reading room, gymnasium and YMCA resulted. This arrangement lasted until the end of the year when the library made application to the city council to become a city library under state law. On January 18, 1897 the city library was created after the proposition was accepted by the city council. During the first year the library had a total circulation of 1,171 with a collection of 481 books. The library was housed in various locations until 1906 when it was moved to the rear of the first floor of the newly built city hall. A permanent librarian, Miss Anna C. Hanson was hired.

In late 1907 and early 1908, Dr. J.D. Budd, a prominent physician and leading citizen in Two Harbors, initiated the move to secure a donation from Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie donated \$10,000.00 provided the city donate a site and maintain the library at a yearly cost of no less than \$1,000.00 (his usual stipulation in donating for library contracts). In August 1908 the city of Two Harbors asked for an additional \$5,000.00. A site was chosen at the northwest corner of Poplar (Waterfront) and 2nd. In November 1908, a petition was presented to the city council by fifty-four citizens requesting a change in building site. In December 1908, the southeast corner of 4th and Poplar was chosen, the cost of the grounds being \$2,400.00 the plans, designed by Austin Terryberry, a Duluth architect, were approved by the library board and Carnegie.

A modern hot water heating plant was installed by Mesers Haugstein and Johnson. Plumbing and fixtures were installed by L.R. Erickson and electric fixtures and wiring was put in by F.J. Sheehan. The new library was dedicated on July 20, 1909.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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The Two Harbors Iron Trade Journal, February 20, 1908, August 6, 1908, October 23, 1908, November 19, 1908, December 3, 1908, February 25, 1909, May 13, 1909, July 22, 1909.  
Woodward, W.E. "Early History of Two Harbors Public Library 1896-1909" unpublished paper

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Two Harbors, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7 & 8, Block 16, Original Plat of Two Harbors.

### 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

name/title Liz Holum - Field Assistant

organization State Historic Preservation Office  
Minnesota Historical Society

date December 1984

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 X 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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/24/86

### For NPS use only

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 7-31-86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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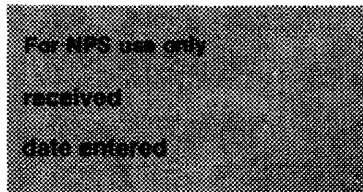
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