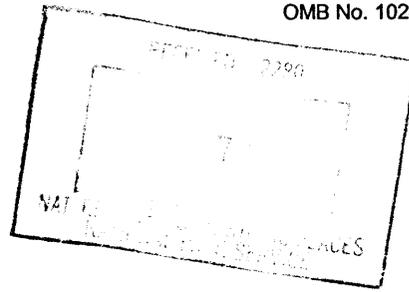


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Dakota Club Library  
other names/site number Eagle Butte Library

**2. Location**

street & number Lot 4 Block 3 Main Street not for publication n/a  
city or town Eagle Butte Vicinity n/a  
state South Dakota Code SD county Dewey code 041 zip code 57625

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Voigt 04-05-2004  
Signature of certifying official Date

SHPO  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date

**4. National Park Service Certification**

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
    - See continuation sheet
  - determined eligible for the National Register.
    - See continuation sheet
  - determined not eligible for the National Register
  - removed from the National Register.
  - other,  
(explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall  
 Date of Action: 5/19/04

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)**

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property (Check only one box)**

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register  
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic                      Sub: Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education                      Sub: Library  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Stone  
Roof Asphalt Shingle  
Walls Wood, Earth  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Stone veneer  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)**

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)**

Architecture  
Education  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

c.1914-1953  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates** c. 1910, 1928  
1935  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person** N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder** WPA laborers  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Preservation Office

Dakota Club Library  
Name of Property

Dewey County, South Dakota  
County and State

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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreage of Property** Less than one

### UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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    Zone        Easting        Northing  
2    \_\_\_\_\_

3    \_\_\_\_\_        \_\_\_\_\_        \_\_\_\_\_  
    Zone        Easting        Northing  
4    \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Chris Nelson  
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city or town Pierre        state SD        zip code 57501

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## Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Dakota Club Library  
Name of Property

Dewey County, South Dakota  
County and State

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## Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Dakota Club Inc.  
street & number PO Box 250 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Eagle Butte state SD zip code 57625

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### Architectural Description

The Dakota Club Library is a front gabled sod building with asphalt shingles, a stone foundation, and a field stone veneer. It has a gabled roof balloon frame addition on the rear that also has asphalt shingles and a fieldstone veneer. The building and the addition are connected to form a T-shape. The addition is larger than the Dakota Club Library building itself.

The only feature on the façade of the Dakota Club Library is a central entry with an arch doorway. The north elevation is bare. The south elevation has two one-over-one double hung lumber framed windows. The west elevation is attached to the addition.

The east elevation of the addition is intersected by the west elevation of the library building. There are no openings to the north and south of the connection. The north and south elevation each have a single one-over-one double hung lumber framed window and wood clapboard in the gables. The west elevation is bare. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the western slope of the roof near the eave.

The interior has been sheet-rocked and several wood shelves have been installed.

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The Dakota Club Library is significant under Criterion A for the role it played as the first library on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation and the role it played in employing South Dakotans during the Great Depression. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its sod construction and its association as a Works Progress Administration construction project.

The Dakota Club Library is located in Eagle Butte, Dewey County, South Dakota. Dewey County is one of the counties of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. Eagle Butte has been the hub for tribal affairs for the reservation since the Agency was moved there in 1959.

The land that became Dewey County was promised to the Sioux in the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 along with portions of the states of North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana. The Great Sioux Reservation was swiftly and decidedly parceled off over the next forty years through a variety of questionable treaties and Congressional Acts. Reductions of the reservation in 1877 and 1890 opened much of western South Dakota to white settlement. The reservation lands were further reduced by the Surplus Lands Act of 1909, which opened up 10,000 homesteads on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation for white settlement.

The Dakota Club Library can trace its origin back to the period of white homesteading on the reservation. The library was a sod house built by a settler in circa 1914. The sod house was donated to the Dakota Club Library in 1928 and moved into Eagle Butte. The Dakota Club was an organization of local businesswomen who wanted to improve and enhance the community. One of their main goals was the establishment of a library, which was the first library established on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.

The public library movement in America began in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and was proliferated throughout the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by reformers and philanthropists. Before this period, libraries existed only in private schools, churches, and amongst wealthy citizens who formed private collections for their own use. Public libraries, along with other public institutions, were part of the growing social reform movements of the early 1900s.

Social reform on the reservations of South Dakota was present but limited. The popular social movements of the early 1900s, mainly the Progressive Movement, largely ignored American Indians. Attempts at social reform on the reservation during this period were limited and usually stemmed from local organizations acting within their communities.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) improved the library building and constructed an addition. The original sod building and its lumber frame addition were both covered with a fieldstone

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veneer applied by local WPA laborers. A new chimney was also constructed in the addition. The material was furnished by the Dakota Club and the labor was furnished by the WPA.<sup>1</sup> John Collier was appointed head of the Indian Bureau by Theodore Roosevelt in 1933. As a result of this appointment, Collier funneled several federal relief jobs onto reservations, which were extremely hard hit by the depression.<sup>2</sup>

An executive order created the WPA in 1935. Perhaps the best known work-relief program of the New Deal programs, the WPA operated at the federal, state, and local levels. In 1936, the WPA employed almost 50,000 people in South Dakota during the peak of its popularity. The WPA administered many types of programs, but construction projects dominated its agenda nationwide and in South Dakota. As a result, the WPA spent over \$62 million on construction projects in South Dakota. WPA programs were far reaching and diverse throughout the state. The WPA constructed a variety of public buildings, from the Governors Mansion to privies, along with general infrastructure improvements and highway projects.

The Dakota Club Library is one of the oldest buildings in Eagle Butte. It is also one of few buildings that retains enough integrity to be historically significant. The sod and WPA construction represent an important early building type and an important historical construction association. The Dakota Club Library is significant under Criterion A for being the first library on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation and for the role it played in employing South Dakotans during the Great Depression. It is also eligible under Criterion C for its sod construction and association with the Works Progress Administration.

<sup>1</sup> Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs Newsletter. (1937), 15.

<sup>2</sup> Henry Woodhead, ed. *The Reservations*. The American Indians. (Alexandra: VA, Time-Life Books, 1995), 163.

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## Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is an imaginary line encompassing the library. It starts at a point three feet southeast of the southeast corner and runs west to a point three feet southwest of the southwest corner. It then runs north to a point three feet to the northwest of the northwest corner. It then runs east to a point three feet to the northeast of the northeast corner. It then runs south to join the original starting point.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the area surrounding the library building

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