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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

Eureka Carnegie Library historic

Same and or common

2. Location

street & number 520 North Main

city, town Eureka

vicinity of

county Greenwood

Kansas state

Classification 3.

Category district _X_ building(s) structure site object	both Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> in process	Status _X_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _X_ yes: restricted	Present Use agriculture commercial X educational entertainment government inductrial	museum park private residence religious scientific
	$\underline{N/A}$ being considered	yes: unrestricted	industrial military	<pre> transportation other:</pre>

Owner of Property 4.

name	City of Eureka				
street & nu	umber City Hall	1			
city, town	Eureka	vicinity of	state	Kansas	67045
5. Lo	ocation of Le	egal Description			
courthous	e, registry of deeds, etc.	Greenwood County Clerk			
street & nu	umber Greenwood Coun	nty Courthouse			
city, town	Eureka		state	Kansas	67045
6. R	epresentatio	on in Existing Surveys			
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depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A

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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Eureka Carnegie Library (c. 1914) is located at 520 North Main in Eureka, Greenwood County, Kansas (pop. 3,425). The one-story, brick and limestone, Neo-Classical building stands on a corner lot two blocks north of Eureka's central business district. Its facade orientation is west. The building measures approximately fifty feet from north to south and forty feet from east to west. The library maintains its original function and retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

The one-story, red brick building sits on a raised foundation with a limestone sill and limestone watertable. It is a rectangular structure with a ridge hipped roof. Asphalt shingles have replaced the original green pantiles. Three bays comprise the building's facade and rear, it is one bay deep. A hipped roof, pedimented entry pavilion projects from the facade's center bay. A chimney projects from the rear elevation.

The projecting entryway pavilion contains a recessed double door with a transom. The original door has been replaced and the transom has been covered over. A limestone keystone and two voussoirs surmount the entryway. A limestone coffered ceiling ornaments the pavilion's ceiling. A simple limestone entablature ornaments the building on all elevations, "Carnegie Library" is inscribed into the freize above the entryway. Stone steps lead up to the doorway. The original cast iron lightposts with milk glass bowls which stood on the limestone abutments that flank the door have been removed.

The building maintains a one-over-one, double hung fenestration on both the first and basement levels, excepting two groups of single pane windows on the rear elevation. The first level windows are surmounted by a continuous brick stretcher lintel and underscored by limestone sills. These lintels are highlighted by limestone keystones. A continuous header lintel surmounts the basement level windows. Two basement access doors pierce the rear elevation.

The interior of the library maintains its three-bay floor plan and vestibule entrance with a basement stairway. The first floor ceiling has been covered with dropped acoustic tiles. The original light fixtures have been replaced with fluorescent fixtures. Much interior woodwork, such as the door and window surrounds and the staircase remains, as does some of the original furnishings.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric	Areas of Significance—C		landscape architectu	re religion
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1600–1699 1700–1799	Xarchitecture	X education engineering	military music	_X social/ humanitarian
1800–1899 X_ 1900–	commerce communications	exploration/settlement industry invention	philosophy politics/government	theater transportation other (specify)
				Other (specify)

S	pec	ific	dat	es	1914	

Builder/Architect George P. Washburn Co. - Architect George E. Teegardin - Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Eureka Carnegie Library (c. 1914) is being nominated to the National Register as part of the Carnegie Libraries of Kansas thematic resources nomination (NR 1987) at the local level of significance under criteria A and C for its historical association with the Carnegie Corporation Library Building Program and for its architectural significance as a new building type.

The Entre Nous Club organized Eureka's first library in 1899 and maintained a permanent location in the Crebo Building from 1901 until 1914. The club was influential in getting the City of Eureka to apply for a Carnegie Corporation grant. In 1913 the Carnegie Corporation awarded the city a \$9,000 grant for the construction of a library building.

George P. Washburn, Co. of Ottawa, Kansas designed the library, producing a typical, restrained Neo-Classical, three-bay, one story building with a projecting central pedimented entry pavilion and a raised foundation found in most Kansas Carnegie Libraries. A local builder, George E. Teegardin, was awarded the construction contract on the building.

The building retains a high degree of integrity and is currently used as the community's library. Please see the cover nomination for additional information.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached sheet

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