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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Milo Public Library
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 4 Pleasant Street N/A not for publication
city, town Milo N/A vicinity
state Maine code ME county Piscataquis code 021 zip code 04463

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Maine Public Libraries
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 11/16/88
Signature of certifying official Date
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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] Entered in the National Register 1/5/89
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Brick

roof Asphaltother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Milo Public Library is a modest rectangular brick building of one-story that rests on a tall basement. It is covered by a gable on hip roof that is punctuated by a chimney at the south end and detailed with exposed purlins.

Facing west, the primary elevation features a round arched entrance located to the south and two pairs of one-over-one double-hung sash windows in the middle and north bays. A short flight of concrete steps leads to the door which is surmounted by a semi-circular fanlight. The basement level here, as on each of the four sides, is articulated by a brick stringcourse and punctuated by windows placed below the main openings.

Reflecting the existence of interior bookshelves, the north end has four small one-over-one windows on the upper part of the wall. Five similar windows are located on the east side, four of which are coupled in two pairs each. A sixth full size window is positioned near the southeast corner. The south end contains a pair of long narrow two-over-two sash and an entrance to the basement that is sheltered by a bracketed hood.

The interior is arranged with the circulation desk and office located at the south end in front of the vestibule. A reading room with wall shelves occupies the remainder of the first floor. A second reading room, storage area and furnace are located in the basement. The interior trim consists of plain wood moldings and plaster walls.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education
Architecture

Period of Significance

1922-1938

Significant Dates

1922

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Paterson, Frederick A. (of Record)
Beuttler & Arnold (Attributed)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Built in 1922, the Milo Public Library is one of eighteen such institutions in Maine whose construction was made possible by a grant from Andrew Carnegie. It is also a documented example of a library whose plan was drawn directly from James Bertram's Notes on Library Buildings (1910). Frederick A. Paterson of Bangor was the architect of record, although the design is virtually identical to one drawn in 1915 by the Sioux City, Iowa, architectural firm of Beuttler and Arnold for a library in Hartington, Nebraska. The library retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and association. It meets the requirements for registration under criteria A and C for its educational and architectural significance as more fully described in the multiple property submission "Maine Public Libraries".

Milo's public library history appears to have begun in 1902 when members of the W.C.T.U. obtained a "traveling library" from the Maine State Library. This initial collection was housed in the home of Mrs. Mary Hobbs until 1909 when it was transferred to a room in the Odd Fellow's Building. At this time a formal organization named the W.C.T.U. Public Library Association came into being. The Association continued to support the library, and successfully obtained in 1921 a \$10,000 grant commitment from the Carnegie Corporation for the purposes of erecting a building. Upon a favorable vote of the town guaranteeing a lot and \$1,000 in yearly maintenance and support, the Carnegie grant was awarded.

On July 27, 1921, the Milo Free Public Library Corporation was organized and a building committee assigned the task of securing a suitable design. By November the building committee had selected the Type F plan as shown in Notes on Library Buildings. In March of the following year it requested the price of plans and specifications from the architectural firm of Beuttler and Arnold for the library

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Ellison, Catherine K. "Milo Free Public Library" (1988).

Typescript copy on file at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Augusta.

Hartington Library, Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey, 1987,
Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln.

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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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than 1

UTM References

A

1	9	5	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	1	1	9	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Milo tax map 14, lot 57.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property embraces the building and entire lot historically associated with the library.

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which had been built in Hartington, Nebraska. This inquiry was apparently made upon the recommendation of the Carnegie Corporation which had funded the Hartington building at the same amount and on the Type F plan. It is not clear whether these plans were followed literally, but the exteriors are remarkably alike, implying that local architect Paterson may have only slightly modified the Hartington design. In any case, construction commenced in May, 1922 and it was opened to the public on January 6, 1923. The library continues to serve the community in its original capacity.