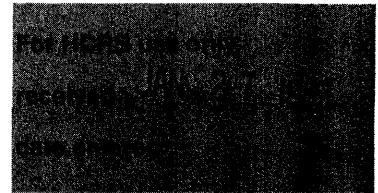


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 ~~St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview~~ Carnegie Libraries of St Paul TR  
and/or common St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview Carnegie Libraries

**2. Location**

street & number Multiple--See Continuation Sheets, N/A not for publication  
city, town St. Paul N/A vicinity of congressional district 4th  
state Minnesota code 22 county Ramsey code 123

**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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
Thematic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Libraries

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of St. Paul  
street & number 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
city, town St. Paul N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ramsey County Courthouse  
street & number 15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Historic Sites Survey of St. Paul  
title and Ramsey County has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 12/80-11/82  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Ramsey County Historical Society, 75 W. 5th Street  
city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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** 1916

**Builder/Architect** Charles Hausler

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Contractor: Cameron and Company

The St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview Carnegie Libraries, built in 1916, are historically and architecturally significant as the earliest public buildings in the City of St. Paul which were designed by City Architect, Charles A. Hausler (1889-1971), as some of the last libraries to be built in the country with funds provided by the Carnegie Corporation, and as the only Carnegie libraries built in St. Paul.

Pittsburgh Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) donated over fifty-six million dollars for the construction of libraries throughout the world. His philanthropy was guided by the belief that wealthy men had a duty to support causes to improve the common man. Library construction was a cause that was dear to Carnegie's heart. His concern that help should be given only to those who helped themselves was reflected in the conditions that had to be met to receive funds from the Carnegie Corporation. First a community had to purchase a site for the library, pledge to provide ten percent of the Carnegie gift for annual library maintenance, submit a pledge from the mayor insuring that the building wouldn't exceed the costs, and submit the building plans for approval by the Carnegie Corporation. The Corporation stopped giving funds for building public libraries after 1917. Since 1917, the Carnegie Corporation has helped to establish programs at various universities to educate librarians. It has also set up programs to improve library services.

In 1914, St. Paul was given seventy-five thousand dollars for the construction of three branch libraries by the Carnegie Corporation. In St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview, committees were formed to raise the funds to purchase sites for a Carnegie library to be built in each neighborhood. The Improvement Association of St. Anthony Park, led by Dr. Nellie Nelson, Mrs. Francis Parker, and A. J. Franke, raised over three thousand dollars and bought the present St. Anthony Park library site. Before the present library was built, various stores in St. Anthony Park housed its library. The East Side fund committee of Arlington Hills, led by chairman John L. Schweitz, purchased the present library site and presented it to the City of St. Paul. The Riverview committee raised two thousand dollars and bought a lot for the library, also presenting it to the City of St. Paul. Thus by the end of 1914, all three communities had purchased a site for a library and presented it to the City.

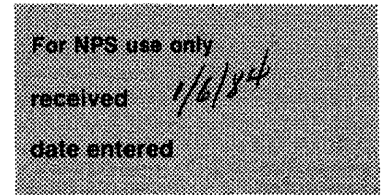
St. Paul City Architect, Charles A. Hausler, then prepared the plans for the libraries and they were approved by the Carnegie Corporation. A lifelong resident of St. Paul, Hausler studied architecture in New York and under Louis Sullivan in Chicago. In 1913 he returned to St. Paul and became the first City Architect. Hausler was responsible for writing the first city building code. His designs include the Minnesota Building (1929), numerous city elementary schools, the Carnegie branch libraries, churches and parochial and public schools throughout the Northwest. Hausler also served as a state senator, representing the 39th district for sixteen years. He died in 1971.

Library construction was delayed by a fire in the city library that partly destroyed the plans. Fortunately, copies of the plans were on file in the building permit department. A second delay occurred when bids for the libraries twice were higher than the gift from the

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#8 (Significance)

Paragraph 1 -- Replace with:

The St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills and Riverview Carnegie branch libraries, built in 1916, are historically and architecturally significant as important and intact neighborhood landmarks built in the Beaux Arts style, as the earliest public buildings in the City of St. Paul which were designed by influential City Architect, Charles A. Haulser (1889-1979), as the only Carnegie libraries built in St. Paul, and as some of the last libraries built in the country with funds provided by the Carnegie Corporation.

At end of Item #8, page 2, add this paragraph:

The three Carnegie libraries were included in the two year survey of over 5,000 historically and architecturally significant buildings in St. Paul and Ramsey County. This project was conducted in 1980-1982 by Patricia Murphy, an architectural historian, and Susan W. Granger, a historian, and numerous volunteers and student interns. It was co-sponsored by the Ramsey County Historical Society and the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission, under the auspices and with the financial support of the Minnesota Historical Society. The three library buildings were identified by the survey as important landmarks and cultural centers in each of their respective neighborhoods. They were also deemed to be significant as fairly ornate and essentially intact examples of the Beaux Arts tradition -- a stylistic tradition which did not gain wide acceptance in St. Paul, particularly in residential neighborhoods such as those in which the three libraries are located. The three libraries were also identified in the survey as among the most outstanding examples of the Beaux Arts tradition in St. Paul, with the exception of several notable buildings in downtown St. Paul, including the St. Paul Public Library and the Minnesota State Capitol (both are listed on the National Register). The significance of the Carnegie libraries is enhanced by the facts that they were the first buildings constructed as branch libraries in St. Paul and that all other branch libraries in the city date from the 1930s to the 1970s. With the exception of a handful of public schools and park buildings, the Carnegie libraries are also among the oldest surviving public buildings in the city.

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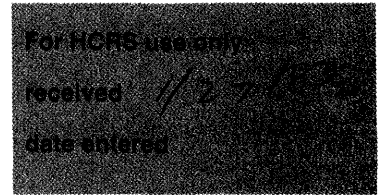
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Carnegie Corporation. Finally, Cameron and Company made a bid under the amount given by the Corporation and in 1916 construction began on the three libraries. Each of the three libraries was erected at an estimated cost of \$26,000, and the dimensions of each are the same: eighty feet wide (across the facade) by forty feet deep, and twenty feet in height. Each is rectangular in plan with a symmetrical facade and a central entrance, and each has one large reading room on the main floor with storage, and community rooms in the basement level. The libraries opened in the summer of 1917. Like the almost 3,000 Carnegie libraries constructed elsewhere in the country, the St. Anthony Park, Arlington Hills, and Riverview libraries demonstrate the formalism and symmetry of the Beaux Arts tradition.

9 continued:

St. Anthony Park Association. Community Study: St. Anthony Park. St. Paul: St. Anthony Park Association, 1969.

St. Paul Dispatch, June 15, 1922 and July 13, 1971.

St. Paul Pioneer Press, January 18, 1960.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Bobinski, George Sylvan. Carnegie Libraries: Their History and Impact on American Public Library Development. Chicago: American Library Association, 1969.  
Building Permit Nos. 68197-99. City of St. Paul Building Permits Division.  
The Library Beacon, vol. 3, no. 9 (Nov. 1931) and vol. 4, no. 8 (Dec. 1932). (See continuation sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Multiple--See Continuation Sheets

Acreeage of nominated property N/A

Quadrangle name N/A

Quadrangle scale N/A

UMT References

Multiple--See Continuation Sheets.

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Multiple--See Continuation Sheets.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Greg Carstens and Mathew Michaud, Student Interns; Patricia Murphy, Survey Director

organization Historic Sites Survey of St. Paul and Ramsey County

date November 12, 1981

street & number 75 W. 5th Street

telephone (612) 292-0090/222-0701

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55102

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Russell W. Fridley  
State Historic Preservation Officer

date

1-12-83

For HCRS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul Thematic Resources  
State Minnesota

Nomination/Type of Review

Cover except  
Date/Signature 2/10/84

1. Arlington Hills Library Substantive Review

Keeper Beth Grosvenor 2/10/84

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

2. Riverview Branch Library Substantive Review

Keeper Beth Grosvenor 2/10/84

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

3. St. Anthony Park Branch Library

Keeper Beth Grosvenor 2/10/84

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