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 Eureka Carnegie Library
and or common Same

2. Location

street & number 520 North Main
not for publication

city, town Eureka

state Kansas
code 20 county Greenwood
code 073

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name City of Eureka

street & number City Hall


city, town Eureka

state Kansas 67045

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Greenwood County Clerk

street & number Greenwood County Courthouse


city, town Eureka

state Kansas 67045

6. Representation 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 frieze 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 | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below
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prehistoric | archeology-prehistoric
1400–1499 | archeology-historic
1500–1599 | agriculture
1600–1699 | X architecture
1700–1799 | art
1800–1899 | commerce
X 1900– | communications

Specific dates 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.
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property  Less than one acre  
Quadrangle name  Eureka  
Quadrangle scale  1:24,000  
UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification  The nominated property sits on Lots 16, 17, 18; Block 39 in Eureka, Kansas. This is a rectangular tract bounded to the west by Main to the north by Sixth, and to the east and south by adjacent property lines.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title  Martha Hagedorn-Krass, Architectural Historian  
organization  Kansas State Historical Society  
date  April 20, 1988  
street & number  120 W. 10th  
telephone  913-296-5264  
city or town  Topeka  
state  Kansas  
66612

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  

For NPS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register  
Attest:  
Chief of Registration
Carnegie Library Bibliography:


——. *Kansas Public Libraries from Abilene to Zenda.* (Topeka: Kansas State Library, 1982).


Topeka *Capital Journal,* 20 December 1916; 26 December 1916.
Eureka Carnegie Library
Eureka, Kansas
UTM Coordinates
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