

SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1. NAME

Historic

Seattle Public Library-University Branch

*Carnegie Libraries
of Washington (CR)*

and/or Common

Same

2. LOCATION

UTM References:

Zone 10 Easting 551320

Northing 5279120

Street & Number

5009 ^{Roosevelt} University Way, N.E.

Seattle North

1:24 000

- not for publication

City, Town

Seattle

- vicinity of

State

Washington

County

King

3. CLASSIFICATION

Ownership:

public

private

both

Status:

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Present Use:

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other

Library

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name

City of Seattle

Street & Number

600 - 4th Avenue

City, Town

Seattle

- vicinity of

State

Washington 98104

5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

6. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title

J.H. Vandermeer, Historian

Organization

Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

Date

August 1981

Street & Number

111 West 21st Avenue

Telephone

(206) 753-9685

City or Town

Olympia

State

Washington 98504

7. DESCRIPTION

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed
Circle one: unaltered altered
Circle one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance
attach photo

The University branch is a long, rectangular building facing on a busy commercial street. It has one high story above a daylight basement, but it seems quite high and imposing because the site is well above street level. The main entrance, which is approached from the east by broad stairs, is centered between sets of four tall windows and features attached columns and an arched transom. The building has a gable roof of composition shingles, which replaced the original tiles. The surface treatment is stucco. The most noteworthy decorative elements are the carved roof brackets and the tile and terra cotta panels between them.

Verbal boundary description: W 180' of E 210' of N 180'
of S 210' of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Acreage: Less than one.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

Specific dates	1910	Builder/Architect	Somervell & Cote
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a. History

(A general history of the Seattle Public Library and its buildings follows the inventory form for the West Seattle Branch.)

A branch library was opened in the University district on March 9, 1906. It was located in the back of a pharmacy at the entrance to the University grounds. A promise of funds from Andrew Carnegie in 1908 led to the planning for this building. The site was donated to the city by Watson and Cornelia Allen, and the building was designed by Somervell and Cote. It cost \$38,935 to build, and Carnegie supplied \$35,000. Except for the removal of a skylight and new aluminum doors, the building remains unaltered and continues to serve its original purpose.

b. Evaluation of Significance

This building is a very good example of a Carnegie Library and the site is one of the few non-commercial places on this busy street. The firm designed several other libraries in Seattle, and general remarks about their work may be found in connection with the inventory form for the West Seattle Branch.

CARNEGIE LIBRARIES OF WASHINGTON STATE



Seattle: University Branch

*called D. Hansen
6-30-82 OK*

Address: 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E.
Seattle (King County), WA

View: East facade

Photographer: Mark L. Peckham

Date of Photo: 1979

**Location
of Negative:** Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
111 West 21st Avenue, KL-11
Olympia, WA 98504

**Date & Amount
of Carnegie Grant:** 1910, \$35,000

**Date of
Construction:** 1910

Architect: Somervell & Cote

Present Use: Library

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Carnegie Libraries of Washington Thematic Resources
State Washington

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11. Seattle Public Library
(Queen Anne Branch) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 12. Seattle Public Library
(University Branch) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 13. Seattle Public Library
(West Seattle Branch) | Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Bruce Mc Donnell 8-3-82</u>
Attest <u>Emma Jane Sage 8-2-82</u> |
| 14. South Bend Carnegie Public Library | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 15. Spokane Public Library
(East Side Branch) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 16. Spokane Public Library (Heath
Branch) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 17. Spokane Public Library
(North Monroe Branch) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 18. Vancouver Public Library | Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Bruce Mc Donnell 8-3-82</u>
Attest <u>Emma Jane Sage 8-2-82</u> |
| 19. Wenatchee Carnegie Library | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u>Delores Byers 8/3/82</u>
Attest _____ |
| 20. | | Keeper _____
Attest _____ |

82004251

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Seattle Public Library (University Branch) (Carnegie
Libraries of Washington TR), King County,
WASHINGTON,

Working No. 6/28/82-1886
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-1-83
Date Due: 7/29/82 - 8/12/82
Action: ACCEPT 8/3/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
 Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition Check one Check one
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Please refer to the map in
Seattle Public Library- Fremont
Branch for this property

Seattle Public Library -Fremont Reference Number: 82004252