

Spokane Register of Historic Places

Nomination Form

City/County Historic Landmarks Commission
Fourth Floor - City Hall
Spokane, Washington 99201-3333

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name Sylvester Heath Library

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number E. 525 Mission Avenue

city, town Spokane _____ vicinity of

state Washington _____ county Spokane

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Northwest Regional Foundation

street & number E. 525 Mission Avenue

city, town Spokane _____ vicinity of _____ state Washington

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Spokane County Courthouse

street & number W. 1116 Broadway

city, town Spokane _____ state Washington

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. Historic Landmarks Survey: A Report and Site Inventory of Spokane's Historic Resources
title 2. National Register of Historic Places

date 1. 1979 2. September 1982 2. federal _____ state _____ county 1. local

depository for survey records 1. City Plan Commission
2. Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

city, town 1. Spokane 2. Olympia _____ state Washington

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This building is located in a neighborhood of pleasant homes on a tree-lined street with a wide grassy strip separating traffic. The south facade, which fronts the street, has a wide stairway leading to a white terra cotta entry in the center. The roof over the two intersecting gables is surfaced with bright green U-shaped tiles. A parapet surrounds both this and the flat roofs of two lower sections in the rear. The parapet, which is trimmed with terra cotta, is notched, squared and raised to produce an intricate roof line. The most notable feature of this building is probably the extensive use of terra cotta. Every corner has terra cotta quoins, and every window is completely surrounded by it. The overall effect is one of checkerboard complexity, and the contrasting colors and textures of red brick, white terra cotta and green tile make this a very arresting building.

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
			<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Built 1913 **Builder/Architect** Julius Zittel

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

This building is a well-preserved example of libraries built with grants from the great iron and steel magnate, Andrew Carnegie. It is significant because of its association with Carnegie and with the tradition of philanthropy of which he was the pre-eminent exemplar. It is also important in the history of the Spokane Public Library system and the neighborhood it served for nearly 70 years, often as the focus of intellectual and social activity. Finally, the building is an example of a distinct genre of early-twentieth century architecture, and is one of the few reminders left from that period.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bobinski, George A.- Carnegie Libraries; Their History and Impact on American Public Library Development. Chicago: American Library Association, 1969
Smith, Charles W.- Early Library Development in Washington. Washington Historical Quarterly, Vol. 17, No. 4, (Oct. 1926), pp.246-258

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7 and 8 in Block 47 of Heath's Fourth Addition to Spokane, Washington

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

state N/A county _____

state _____ county _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jayne Auld, Administrator

organization Northwest Regional Foundation

date Sept. 6, 1985

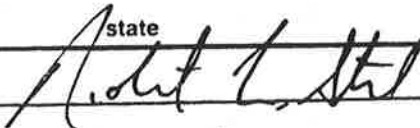
street & number E. 525 Mission Avenue

telephone 484-6733

city or town Spokane, Washington 99202

state _____

12. Signature of Owner(s)



Robert L. Stilger, Executive Director

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Date Heard: _____

Commission Decision: _____

Council/Board Action: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____

City Clerk

Approved as to form: _____

Ass't. Corporation Counsel

We hereby certify that this property has been listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places:

Mayor, City of Spokane or Chair, Spokane County Commissioners

Chair, Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission

City/County Historic Preservation Officer

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The Heath Library is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Washington State Inventory of Cultural Resources and the Spokane Historic Landmarks Survey.

