

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES

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DENVER, COLORADO



The Dickinson Carnegie Library, as it appeared at the time of the Historic Structure Assessment

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Dickinson Carnegie Library Historic Structure Assessment

The Dickinson Carnegie Library, constructed between 1912 and 1913, was one of eight Carnegie branch libraries built in Denver. It is an excellent example of the neoclassical architecture of the City Beautiful movement in Denver. Designed by Maurice Biscoe, a prominent Denver architect, the building was used as a library until 1954. Since then, the building was employed for a variety of uses. While much of the library's exterior retained its architectural and historic integrity, its reuse and periods of vacancy took a toll on many of its features.

After a demolition request by a previous owner was denied in 2000, the structure was sold. In partnership with the new owner Winter & Company completed an Historic Structure Assessment. The completed HSA established a phased exterior restoration of the original windows, roof and foundation. The rehabilitation plan for the structure anticipated reuse of the first floor and the south half of the basement as office. Availability of the original basement auditorium by local neighborhood organizations for public use was also recommended.



*The Dickinson Carnegie Library, pictured here in 1920.
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