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Manhattan Carnegie Library

Industrialist Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Corporation significantly influenced the development and expansion of public library systems. Between 1886 and 1921 Carnegie funds assisted in the construction of 1,681 city and 108 college libraries in the United States.

The Manhattan Carnegie Library, constructed in 1904, was among sixty-three Carnegie-funded libraries built in Kansas during the early part of the twentieth century. For many Kansas communities, the Carnegie Library represented its first library building, providing an environment that all members of the community could share for the purpose of reading, learning, and education.

William Warren Rose of Kansas City designed the Manhattan Carnegie Library in



Carnegie Library, 5th & Poyntz

the Neo-classical style. Rose was also responsible for the design of the Carnegie Libraries in Kansas City, Newton, and Argentine.

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