

# Washburn Historic Preservation Commission



Original architectural drawing of the Washburn Public Library; built in 1904



The Washburn Public Library today



Washburn's Classical Revival library is one of 2,509 libraries funded by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. Built in 1904 of Lake Superior brownstone, the front stairway symbolizes a person's elevation by learning. *Image courtesy of Washburn Public Library.*

## The City of Washburn's Historic Preservation Commission:

- **Safeguards the city's heritage** by designating local historic properties which reflect elements of the city's cultural, social, economic, political, visual, or architectural history.
- Works to **stabilize and improve property values.**
- Reviews applications for **Certificates of Appropriateness** for exterior modifications of buildings on the local register.
- **Fosters civic pride** in the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past.

## Participate in these annual events. Watch for the dates!

- **Historic House Tour**, organized by the Washburn Heritage Association. Visit [washburnheritage.org](http://washburnheritage.org). — *July*
- **Brownstone Days** — *July*
- **Annual community picnic** celebrating the anniversary of the 1919 dedication of Memorial Park to the residents of Washburn. — *August*

<http://www.cityofwashburn.org/committees.html>