

**City of Eau Claire**



**Landmark Commission**

## Eau Claire Public Library

(Now part of City Hall)  
217 South Farwell Street  
1903, Classical Revival



Constructed with funds provided by philanthropist and steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, the Eau Claire Public Library was designed by Chicago architects Patton and Miller, who specialized in libraries, schools and collegiate buildings. Illustrating the style most commonly used for public buildings in the early twentieth century, this structure is among the earliest of 63 Carnegie-endowed libraries in Wisconsin. Patton and Miller designed more than 100 such libraries around the United States, including the Mead Public Library (1904) in Sheboygan.

The building is constructed of buff and blue Bedford limestone. Above the portico is a sculptural element consisting of a wreath encircling an open book, an appropriate symbol for a library. In 1978-79, the library was attached to the City Hall and converted for use as a city office building.