



THE MONTANA HISTORY FOUNDATION

HONORING THE CARNEGIE LEGACY IN MONTANA

The Project

- ❖ Between 1893 and 1919, Andrew Carnegie granted funds to construct nearly 1,700 free public libraries across the United States. City officials, women's clubs and businesses joined together in seventeen Montana communities to meet the requirements and successfully build those libraries. Fifteen Carnegie Library buildings survive in Montana today. Nine are still public libraries
- ❖ One-hundred years after the last Carnegie Library was built in Montana, the History Foundation is collaborating with librarians and other community members to preserve and interpret Andrew Carnegie's important legacy.

The Challenge

- ❖ The History Foundation is seeking your help to preserve, restore, and recognize the fifteen significant Carnegie Library buildings that stand today.
- ❖ Original architectural components and materials are expensive to reproduce and repair; effective operation and maintenance of these century-old buildings is daunting; physical obstacles like lath and plaster walls can hinder interior upgrades and retrofitting.

Help Preserve the Carnegie Legacy

- ❖ **Your gift of \$20,000** will help produce an illustrated history of the libraries
- ❖ **Your gift of \$10,000** could fund a traveling exhibit about Montana's Carnegie libraries
- ❖ **Your gift of \$5,000** will restore original windows and other historic features in the Carnegie libraries
- ❖ **Your gift of \$100-500** will help fund interpretive signs in each of the fifteen Montana Carnegie library buildings honoring Andrew Carnegie's vision and the community's commitment to education and literacy
- ❖ **Your gift in any amount** will help preserve the Carnegie legacy

Your donation to The Montana History Foundation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law

Carnegie Libraries in Montana

2017



• Public Library • Other Use

Community	Current Purpose (2017)	Year Awarded
Big Timber	Sweetgrass County Public Library	1911
Bozeman	Cok Kinzler PLLP [law office]	1902
Chinook	Bear Paw Co-Op [education center]	1918
Dillon	Dillon Public Library	1902
Fort Benton	Chouteau County Library	1916
Great Falls	Demolished 1960s	1901
Glasgow	Demolished 1960s	1907
Hamilton	Bitterroot Public Library	1914
Hardin	Big Horn County Library	1916
Havre	Old Library Gallery [closed]	1913
Kalispell	Hockaday Museum of Art	1901
Lewistown	Lewistown Public Library	1905
Livingston	Livingston-Park County Public Library	1903
Malta	B&B (under renovation)	1917
Miles City	Miles City Public Library	1901
Missoula	Missoula Art Museum	1903
Red Lodge	Red Lodge Carnegie Library	1914