



Andrew Carnegie



*"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."
- Andrew Carnegie*

The Arcola Public Library is a Carnegie Library established in 1905 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a must see!

Between 1889 and 1923, Carnegie funds were used to build 1,679 public library buildings in 1,412 communities - and it is estimated that nation-wide only 60% of them are still being used as libraries today.

In Illinois, of the 105 "Carnegie" libraries built, only 83 still exist as libraries, and many of them have been so extensively remodeled and/or expanded that it is difficult to see the original Carnegie structure.

