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“Crawfordsville’s Carnegie Library” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Crawfordsville

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009. The state historical marker commemorating Crawfordsville’s Carnegie Library will be dedicated at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County, located at 222 South Washington Street (US 231), Crawfordsville. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Crawfordsville’s Carnegie Library”:

In 1897, the Current Events Club, like many women’s clubs during this era, helped organize city’s public library. Andrew Carnegie donated \$25,000 in 1901 for library building construction; city provided land and annual funding. Local architect W. F. Sharpe designed this Renaissance Revival building. This was first Carnegie Library opened in Indiana, dedicated July 29, 1902 with 4,500 volumes. Library moved 2005, building opened as Carnegie Museum 2007. One of 1,679 libraries built in U.S. with funds from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Indiana built more Carnegie libraries than any other state.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this Indiana historical marker that commemorates the first Carnegie Library opened in the State of Indiana.

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For more information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2537.

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