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# NEWS

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## **“Monroe County’s Carnegie Library” state historical marker will be dedicated in Bloomington, Indiana**

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for April 21, 2007. The state historical marker commemorating Monroe County’s only Carnegie Library will be dedicated at the Monroe County History Center, 202 E. Sixth Street, Bloomington at 11 A.M Eastern Daylight Savings Time. After the dedication, there will be a reception at the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood, Bloomington.

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

County’s only Carnegie Library dedicated 1918 as Bloomington Public Library with 6,439 volumes; built with local support and \$31,000 from Carnegie Corporation. Replaced Colored School, at this site circa 1874-1915. Addition built at southeast corner 1955. Library moved to new building nearby 1970. One of 1,679 libraries built in U.S. with funds from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Indiana built more Carnegie libraries than any other state. Building listed in National Register of Historic Places 1978. Monroe County Historical Society and Museum refurbished and occupied building 1980.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication for Monroe County’s only Carnegie Library. The Carnegie Corporation gave money to library associations across the country for building public libraries in their communities. The number of public libraries in Indiana greatly increased because of this effort.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. 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 a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau website at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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