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“Sullivan Carnegie Library” State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated In Sullivan, Indiana

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for May 3, 2008. The state historical marker recognizing the Sullivan Carnegie Library will be dedicated at the Sullivan County Public Library located at 100 S. Crowder St., Sullivan at 2:00 P. M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Sullivan Carnegie Library”:

Women’s Club of Sullivan was instrumental in forming Public Library Board 1902. Andrew Carnegie donated \$10,000 after site and required local funding secured December 1903. Cornerstone was laid June 11, 1904; building dedicated January 19, 1905; Sullivan Public Library opened January 30, 1905 with a collection of 1,222 books. Built of Bedford limestone by architect Paul O. Maratz, its domed tower is an unusual Carnegie feature. Interior restored to original look in 1986, with 2,400 square foot addition in 1995. One of 1,679 libraries built in U.S. with funds from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Indiana built more Carnegie libraries than any other state.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for a state historical marker that commemorates one of Indiana’s historic Carnegie Libraries.

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.

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