Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00161 ☐ New ☑ Supplemental
☒ Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 92-00349
☐ Relationship: ☐ Contributing ☑ Noncontributing
☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
National Register Status:(any that apply) ☑ Listed ☐ De-listed ☐ NHL ☐ DOE
9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number ______
☐ Non-Extant (enter year) ______

1. Name of Property

historic name Washington Public Library (1952 building, not current 2009 library)
other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-131

2. Location

street & number 120 East Main
city or town Washington ☑ vicinity, county Washington
Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name ☐ Township No. ☐ Range No. ☐ Section ☐ Quarter of Quarter
(If Urban) Subdivision ☐ Original Plat ☒ Block 9 ☒ Lot 8

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box) Number of Resources within Property
☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object
If Non-Eligible Property If Eligible Property, enter number of:
Enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
buildings 1 buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total 1 Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter “N/A” if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
Title
Historical Architectural Data Base Number

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

05C Education - Library 04E01 Municipal Building

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B Concrete
walls (visible material) 03 Brick
roof 10A Asphalt shingles
other

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark “x” representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended A Property is associated with significant events.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.
Criteria Considerations
☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
☐ B Removed from its original location.
☐ C A birthplace or grave.
☐ D A cemetery
☐ E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
☐ F A commemorative property.
☐ G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

☐ 26: Politics/government

Significant Dates
Construction date
1952
☐ check if circa or estimated date
1991

Significant Person
(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder
Architect
Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References
Bibliography ___ See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data
UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
1
2
3
4

☐ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By
name/title ______ Michael Kramme, commission member
Rebecca L. McCarley, consultant, Davenport
organization _____ Washington Historic Preservation Commission

street & number _____ City Hall – 215 E. Washington St
 telephone _____ 319-653-6584

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)
FOR ALL PROPERTIES
1. Map: showing the property’s location in a town/city or township.
2. Site plan: showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
3. Photographs: representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:
   Roll/slide sheet # ______ Frame/slot # ______ Date Taken ______
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   ☐ See continuation sheet or attached photo & slide catalog sheet for list of photo roll or slide entries.

   ☐ Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL
1. Farmstead & District: (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
2. Barn:
   a. A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
   b. A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
   c. A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn’s exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line
Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended
☐ This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

Evaluated by (name/title): _______________ Date: _______________
Washington Public Library - 120 E. Main St - State #92-00161 - Map #26 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - 1952, 1991 - Colonial Revival

Historic information:
(1901 - Chilcote house donated to city upon death of Jane Chilcote - became Jane Chilcote Library - move library here from city hall)
1952 - Chilcote home demolished and new library built - donations from estates of Ralph Smith and Fort Sherman
1952-2009 - Washington Public Library
2012 - meeting room for City Council

Architectural information:
Height: 1 story, 2 story
Walls: brick
Architectural details: multi-color brick, entry pediment, bay window
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1991 - addition on west side

7. Narrative Description

The Washington Public Library is a multi-color brick building that was constructed in 1952 and used until the new library was completed in 2009. It is one-story for the front one-third of the building, and then is a two story structure for the rear two-thirds. The one-story section has a hip roof, and the rest of the building is flat roofed. It is recessed from the street, allowing for a small front yard. The main facade has a double door main entry at the right (east) on the south elevation. This has a double door and is topped by a “broken” pediment. The center of the south elevation has a large, elongated, three-sided bay window. To the west is a double-door entry into the newer addition to the building. An 18-foot wide west addition was built in 1991 to increase the space in the library. The brick closes matches the original. There is a secondary side entrance, also topped by a “broken” pediment, on the south side of the two-story section of the building on the east side. The east facade (facing East Second St.) has three windows on the one-story section, seven windows on the first story of the rear section, and eight windows on the second story of the rear section.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington Public Library appears to contribute historically to the Washington Downtown Historic District. It is one of a handful of government/public buildings on the edges of the commercial downtown.

A group of dedicated volunteers established the Washington Public Library in 1877. In 1901 Jane A. Chilcote, widow of Dr. Alexander Chilcote, bequeathed her house at 120 E. Main to the City of Washington for use as a public library. The house was remodeled in 1911 to improve its use as a library. It was further remodeled in 1924 to open up the first story into one large library room. In 1952, the Chicote house was demolished, and the city constructed a new building on the site at 120 E. Main Street. Funds were utilized from the estates of Ralph M. Smith and Fort Sherman (Fisher 1978: 133). The building was about 7,100 square feet and included an upstairs meeting room and a storage / research room.


1964 – Washington Public Library – recent $100,000 building of colonial design – 30,000 books (Washington City Directory 1964: 12)


By 1988 it was clear that the Washington Public Library was in need of more space, so the Library Board initiated a $50,000 fund raising campaign in order to construct an elevator. The project soon developed into a plan to expand the library 18 feet to the west to utilize the space that existed between the library and the Jones-Eden Funeral Home. The addition was constructed in 1991 and increased the library's space to approximately 11,200 square feet.

In order to meet modern library usage needs, a new library was constructed in 2009 on the south side of the square. The 1952 building currently serves as a city council meeting room.
9. Major Bibliographical References


Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:
   Washington Evening Journal
   Washington Gazette
   Washington Press

Patterson, Mary. Collection of historic images of Washington. Washington, IA.

Washington Public Library
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120 East Main
Address
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City

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
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**Historic images**

![Image of East Main Street, Washington, Iowa](image_url)

*Chilcote Library building at east end of Main Street - demolished for this building (Patterson collection)*
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Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00161-001 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00161-002 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011).