

**STREET #** 110

**DIRECTION** S

**STREET** WASHINGTON

**ABB** STREET

**PIN** 0713424001

**NUMBER OF STOREFRONTS** N/A

**Listed on existing SURVEY?**  
Naperville Downtown Walking Tour (Naper Settlement); Naperville NR Historic District (Architectural Significance); IHSS (P)



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CATEGORY** building

**CONDITION** good

**INTEGRITY** addition(s)

**CURRENT FUNCTION** Religion

**HISTORIC FUNCTION** Education - library

**GENERAL COMMENTS**  
Fine Richardsonian Romanesque structure was home to Naperville's first public library and is a key building in the city's downtown. A private property covenant protects the façade of the original building.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Richardsonian Romanesque

**DETAILS**

**BEGINYEAR** 1897-8

**OTHER YEAR** 1962

**DATESOURCE** Naperville Public Library Centennial Brochure

**WALL MATERIAL (current)** Brick

**WALL MATERIAL 2 (current)** Stone

**WALL MATERIAL (original)** Brick

**WALL MATERIAL 2 (original)** Stone

**PLAN** irregular

**NO OF STORIES** 1.5

**ROOF TYPE** Hipped

**ROOF MATERIAL** Asphalt - shingle

**FOUNDATION** Stone

**WINDOW MATERIAL** Wood

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**WINDOW TYPE** double hung/fixd

**WINDOW CONFIG** 1/1; 1-light

**SIGNIFICANT FEATURES**  
Shallow hipped roof; blonde brick exterior with rusticated stone detailing around entrance, windows, corners, and at base; steeply pitched gable centered on front façade; slightly projecting center entry bay with segmental arch entry surrounded by rusticated stone; similar projecting bay along north elevation ; historic windows w/ stone lintels

**ALTERATIONS**  
1-story south side addition (1962); replacement front doors

**STOREFRONT1 FEATURES**

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**HISTORIC INFORMATION**

<b>HISTORIC NAME</b>	Nichols Library
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	
<b>COST</b>	
<b>ARCHITECT</b>	Bell, M. E.
<b>ARCHITECT2</b>	
<b>BUILDER</b>	Enck, Alvin
<b>ARCHITECT SOURCE</b>	Naperville Walking Tour Brochure

**HISTORIC INFO** Bell was the supervising architect on the U. S. Treasury Department building and planner of Wheaton's first courthouse. According to the Centennial Brochure (p. 3)--"In the early 1960s, the building underwent major renovations and remodeling, nearly doubling its space...A second renovation took place the following decade." Building was sold in 1996. Building on page 409 in CHICAGO AND ITS HISTORIC SUBURBS

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North elevation



Entry bay detail



South addition

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