

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.38
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Concord Public Library
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	129 Main St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Concord Center
<b>Local No:</b>	211
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1873
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Little, Harry Britton
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Library
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Education; Politics Government
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.DU: Main Street Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Local Historic District (03/12/1962)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Wall: Brick; Wood



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

CON. 38

In Area no.

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Town Concord

Address 129 Main St.

Name Public Library

Present use "

Present owner Town of Concord

Description:

Date 1873

Source interior plaque

Style Colonial Revival

Jeffersonian

Architect LITTLE, HARRY BRINTON

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features 2-story octagonal main block, to which has been added a 1-story wing on each side. 1-story

Stacks added, 1917  
Altered Remodelled 1933 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street 60'

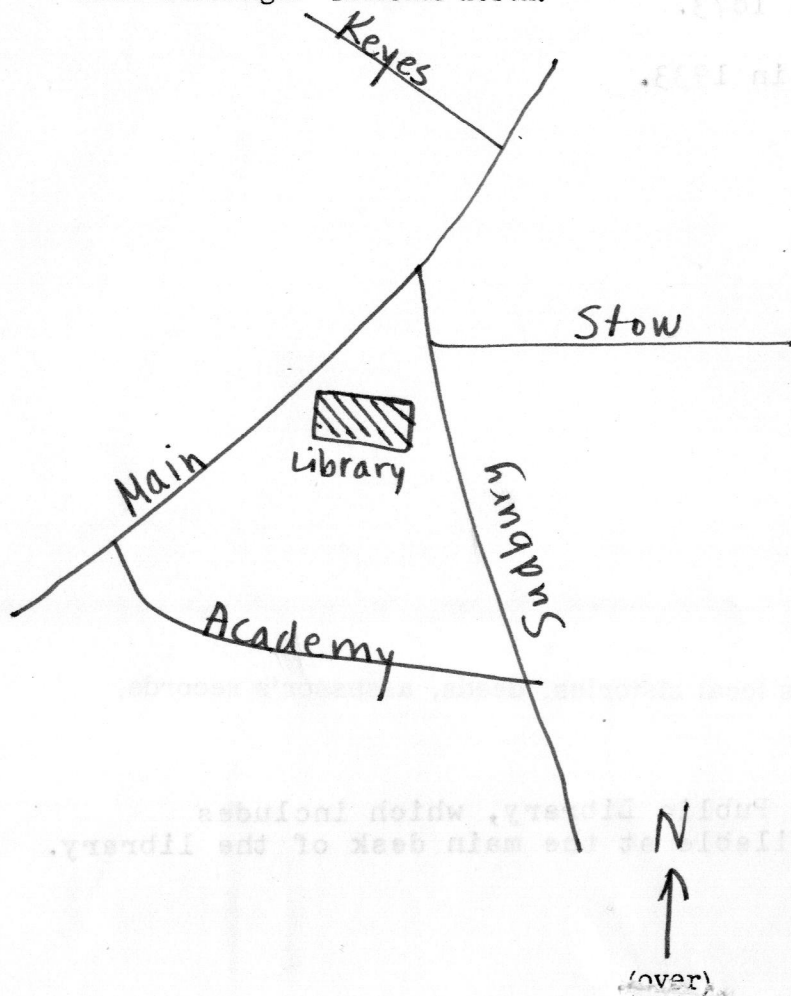
6. Recorded by Harriet White

Organization MAPC

Date 8/30/78



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Wm. Munroe, a textile merchant of Boston and London, built the library and gave it funds for its maintenance and extension for the use of the inhabitants of his native town. Munroe was born and died in Concord, (1806-1877)

The original library was built in 1873.

Stack room built in 1917.

Building remodelled and enlarged in 1933.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

A detailed history of the Concord Public Library, which includes architectural information, is available at the main desk of the library.



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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Concord

Form No:

38

Property Name:

Public Library

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

**Other features:**

Doric entrance portico with fluted columns and pilasters. Roof of portico supports balustrade. Recessed entrance.

Gabled central pavilion with modillion cornice, gable returns, and oculus window, with divided sash and four keystones.

Double entrance door with pediment, dentils and transom.

Brick quoins. 2 large brick chimneys on rear slope of main block of roof.

Lavendar tinted window glass in gallery windows of earliest part of building. Interior has 2-tier gallery with ornate iron railing with quatrefoil motif. Elaborate ceiling moldings with anthemion and rosettes. Magnificent wood panelled reading rooms. Special sections of library dedicated to Concord authors ( the Alcotts, Emerson, etc.)



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