

Marcus P. Beebe Memorial Library

120 Main Street
Ipswich, SD
Edmunds County



The heirs of Marcus P. Beebe funded the construction of this picturesque Tudor Revival Style library, dedicated in August 1931. Allen E. Erickson of Chicago designed the building, which features exterior walls of local uncut prairie granite laid by P.A. Lundblom & Son. Marcus Beebe, an early pioneer of Ipswich, arrived in Edmunds County in 1883, the year of its organization. He acquired large land holdings and was instrumental in founding and later owning the banking institution which became the Ipswich State Bank. He accumulated significant wealth and he and his family are also responsible for the construction three other significant Ipswich properties, all built of native granite: The Beebe home, the Ipswich State Bank building, and the Ipswich Baptist Church. Marcus P. Beebe was actively involved in the affairs of the community until his death in 1914. The Marcus P. Beebe Library has served continuously as the town's public library since its dedication in 1931. The library is open Tuesday – Saturday, 2 pm to 6 pm.