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Libraries, 1-room schoolhouse, theater join historic places

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Three library buildings, a town hall, a one-room schoolhouse, a mill and a movie theater are the latest additions to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Greenland's Weeks Public Library, the Hampton Falls Library and the Rye Public Library have been added to the list.

The Classical Revival Rye Public Library was donated by local resident Mary Tuck Rand in 1911 when Rye was one of only a few towns in the region without a library. Unlike the wealthy philanthropists who funded many town libraries, Rand was a single woman of modest means who wanted to share educational opportunities with her community.

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources says the Rye library was donated by resident Mary Tuck Rand in 1911. At the time, Rye was one of only a few towns in the region without a library. Unlike the wealthy philanthropists who funded many town libraries, Rand was a single woman of modest means who wanted to share educational opportunities with her community.

Also added to the list are the Belmont Mill, the Majestic Theatre in Conway, the Little Red Schoolhouse in Danville, and the Hampton Falls Town Hall.

The schoolhouse is Danville's last intact one-room schoolhouse. Built in 1834 when New Hampshire communities began to develop more formal plans for public education, it served the community as a school until 1901. It is one story high and is only 18-feet square.

The benefits of being listed on the state register include special consideration and relief from some building codes and regulations, and the designation of a property as historical, which is a pre-qualification for many grant programs, including Conservation License Plate grants and New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program grants.

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