Designed to resemble an open book, Central Library is clad in limestone with impressive Art Deco detailing by sculptors Thomas Hudson Jones and Carl P. Jennewein. Perhaps the building's most striking feature is its 50-foot-high entry portico, set into a concave façade that reflects the elliptical configuration of Grand Army Plaza. The dramatic entrance is adorned by fifteen bronze sculptures of famous characters and personages from American literature, framed by columns with a series of gilded bas-reliefs depicting the evolution of art and science.

## THE ENTRANCE

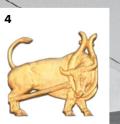


- 2. Archy & Mehitabel from stories by Don Marquis
- 3. Meg from Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- 4. Babe the Blue Ox from The Legend of Paul Bunyan
- 5. Hiawatha from the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- 6. White Fang from the novel by Jack London
- 7. Rip Van Winkle from the story by Washington Irving
- 8. Brer Rabbit from Tales of Uncle Remus by Joel Chandler Harris
- 9. Natty Bumppo from Leatherstocking Tales by James Fenimore Cooper
- 10. Moby Dick from the novel by Herman Melville
- 11. Walt Whitman
- 12. The Raven from the poem by Edgar Allen Poe
- 13. Tom Sawyer from the novels of Mark Twain
- 14. Wynken, Blynken and Nod from the poem by Eugene Fields
- 15. Richard Henry Dana, Jr., author of Two Years Before the Mast

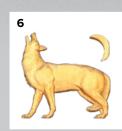






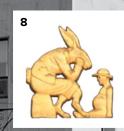






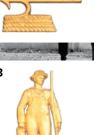


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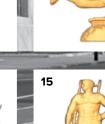












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