

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

1. **Hester Prynne** from *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
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*

