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Ladies Literary Club

In 1870 six women who had been meeting for a year to study history, organized Grand Rapids's first Ladies Literary Association. The group was also instrumental in opening the first public library in the city that same year. In 1882 the association incorporated as the Ladies Literary Club of Grand Rapids. It built this Richardsonian Romanesquestyle meetinghouse for six thousand dollars in 1887. Designed by William G. Robinson, it is one of the earliest Michigan structures built as a women's club.

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