

## Adams Building, Library of Congress

**Original Name:** Adams Building, Library of Congress

**Address:** 120 2nd Street (and Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(Capitol Hill Neighborhood)

**Architect(s):** Pierson & Wilson, (Alexander Trowbridge, consultant)

**Year of Construction:** 1939

**Current Status:** Government Offices

**Original Use:** Government Offices

This little-known and under-appreciated building was built as an annex to the original Library of Congress building and was designed to mediate between its elaborately classical mother building across the street and the more modern Folger Shakespeare Library next door. The exterior has some fine carvings, especially at Independence Avenue, and elaborate doors. But it is inside that you find the real excitement in the form of outstanding Art Deco metalwork designed by Lee Lawrie, murals by Ezra Winter who worked at Radio City Music Hall, early uses of Formica, and much more. It is worth a visit.





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