

Manchester Library handrails

The Grade II* Manchester Central Library building was originally designed by E Vincent Harris and when completed in 1934 was one of the most significant buildings in Manchester. It has recently been the subject of a four year Transformation programme of works and Heritage Project Contracts was employed by Laing O'Rourke to undertake a number of specialist and innovative projects to improve the serviceability of the building whilst maintaining the character of the Library building.



The works included the replication of hundreds of metres of new brass handrails to the stair cores and Shakespeare Hall. A metal die was made to allow for the correct profile to be produced by casting. Replica wall brackets also needed to be made by copying one of the surviving originals. These too were patinated to give a dark brown colour.



GATES

RAILINGS

WINDOWS

GLAZING

LIGHTING

MACHINERY

SCULPTURE

JOINERY

CERAMICS

TILING

STORAGE

RE-LOCATION

PROJECT
MANAGEMENT

