

Manchester Central Library specialist metalwork

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. The works included the replication of new handrails to Shakespeare Hall, bespoke floor expansion strips to the floor of the main reading room, patinated brass conduits, door stops and media screen supports. Each element was individually designed and fabricated before being chemically patinated to give a deep bronze patina.



Where possible HPC utilised salvaged brass material taken from the building into the new items ensuring maximum retention of original materials.



GATES

RAILINGS

WINDOWS

GLAZING

LIGHTING

MACHINERY

SCULPTURE

JOINERY

CERAMICS

TILING

STORAGE

RE-LOCATION

PROJECT
MANAGEMENT

Works completed - June 2014
Main contractor - Laing O'Rourke

