

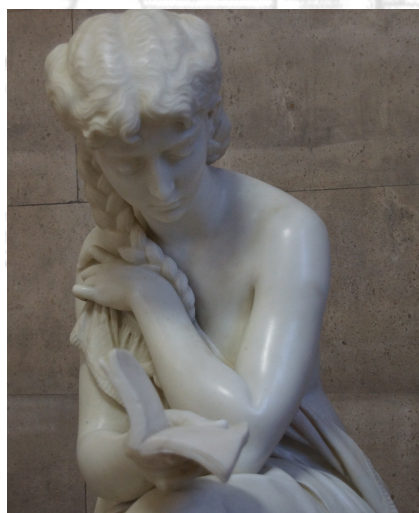
'The Reading Girl', Giovanni Ciniselli



Within the Manchester Central Library is a white marble sculpture; 'The Reading Girl'. As part of the Manchester Transformation Project undertaken by Laing O'Rourke, the statue was conserved by Heritage Project Contacts.



The sculpture was created by the Italian, Giovanni Ciniselli (1832 – 1883), and was bought from Italy by Daniel Adamson, the first chairman of the Manchester Ship Canal Company. It was given to the Library by his family in 1938 when the building was opened.



The statue was transferred to HPC's workshops for assessment and a much needed clean. A build-up of dust, dirt, nicotine and oily residues from handling had darkened the surface of the marble, being most evident in the folds of her hair and cloak. After delicate cleaning by hand, the original appearance of the marble was revealed. The marble revolving plinth was also cleaned and repaired prior to re-installation in the completed Shakespeare Hall.

Works completed - December 2013
Main contractor - Laing O'Rourke

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