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## CASE STUDY

### Bristol Central Library

### Business & IP Centre (BIPC)



## The **BRIEF**

FG Library and Learning had the pleasure of working with Bristol Libraries (Bristol City Council) to undertake a comprehensive refurbishment project at Bristol Central Library.

The historic library, built in 1906 and situated near College Green, required multiple spaces to be revitalised to meet the evolving needs of its community.

FG Library and Learning successfully refurbished various areas within the library, creating new spaces, updating furniture, and enhancing the overall user experience.

The focal point of the refurbishment was the creation of the new Business & IP Centre (BIPC) space, located at the heart of the library on the ground floor.

FG Library and Learning worked diligently to design and furnish this area, ensuring it catered to the specific requirements of business professionals and entrepreneurs. Within the BIPC, multiple workstations were created, incorporating a mix of existing and new furniture, including comfy soft seating, computer chairs, and poseur height 'device bars' equipped with charging capabilities.

Landscape shelving and Elements display units were strategically placed to showcase relevant reading and study materials to support the BIPC's objectives. Additionally, FG Library and Learning supplied the space with attractive graphics designed in-house by the customer, further enhancing the overall ambiance.



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## Café Refurbishment

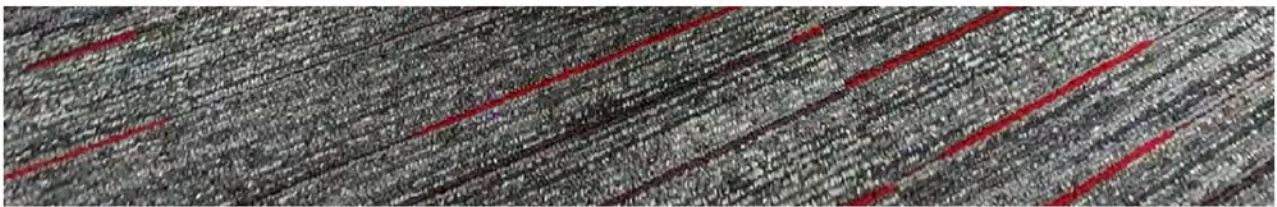
The café area within the library was also part of the refurbishment project. FG Library and Learning contributed to the café's transformation by supplying new tables and seating, creating a comfortable and inviting space for library visitors. Additionally, two bespoke café booths were designed and installed in the bay windows, adding a touch of uniqueness to the area.





## Flooring Enhancements

FG Library and Learning introduced new carpet and luxury vinyl tiles (LVT) in the BIPC and café spaces to elevate the aesthetics and functionality of the areas. The use of different patterned carpet tiles and colors aligned with the new BIPC color scheme of greys and reds, creating clear walkways and defining distinct zones within the spaces.







### Soft Seating Additions and Library Catalogue Desk

Throughout the main library, FG Library and Learning added new soft seating in colours that complemented the library's traditional surroundings. This addition provided library-goers with comfortable seating options while maintaining the library's classic ambiance.

Furthermore, a new library catalogue desk was installed near the reception desk to streamline library services and enhance user convenience.







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## Meeting Room Refurbishment

On the first floor, FG Library and Learning refurbished the meeting room with new tilt-top tables for flexibility and ease of reconfiguration. Decorative acoustic panelling was also introduced to improve the room's acoustics, especially since it backed onto office spaces.



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## Minimising Disruption

Throughout the refurbishment process, FG Library and Learning carefully managed the installation to ensure that Bristol Central Library could remain open and operational.

The team's meticulous planning and open communication with all parties involved helped keep disruptions to a minimum, allowing library visitors to continue enjoying its services and resources.

## In Summary

The Bristol Central Library refurbishment by FG Library and Learning stands as a remarkable example of blending modern enhancements with the library's historic charm.

The successful transformation of multiple spaces, including the BIPC, café, and meeting room, has significantly improved the library's offerings and user experience.

Through careful planning and execution, FG Library and Learning ensured that Bristol Central Library continued to serve its community during the refurbishment process. The collaboration between FG Library and Learning and Bristol Libraries showcases the importance of expert refurbishment in preserving cultural institutions and meeting the needs of contemporary library-goers.

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