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The Schlesinger Library, housed in a building originally constructed in 1907, is one of the Radcliffe Institute's iconic buildings and is a renowned library on the history of women in the United States.

Chosen as the Construction Manager, Richard White Sons, Inc. renovated the 25,000 square foot, three-story historical building. Improvements to life safety systems, fire detection and suppression systems, replacement of existing manuscript vaults and modifications to windows and lighting were made to reduce environmental and UV damage to the library collections. An improved archival environment with museum quality air was created to help preserve museum holdings. Ninety-three percent of all construction debris from this project was recycled.

The first and second floors feature expanded exhibit, seminar and conference room facilities with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, a two-story high reading room and book conservation area. Utility services to adjacent buildings are routed through Schlesinger and had to be maintained throughout construction. The library displays three nineteenth-century stained glass panels by Sarah Wyman Whitman, an acclaimed stained glass artist, which were restored by the Institute during the project.



Project:
Schlesinger Library
Renovation

Owner:
Radcliffe Institute
for Advanced Study,
Harvard University

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"We are extremely happy with the result of the renovation. It was a pleasure to deal with Richard White Sons, who were always responsive and efficient, and met construction deadlines with dispatch."

NANCY COTT
Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation Director



This project has received LEED Certification
from the United States Green Building Council.

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