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This 1915 library stands at the geographical and intellectual heart of Harvard University. In renewing the building, the project called for a renovation that would both redefine the programmatic and technical aspects of this academic research library and maintain the traditional aura and comfort.

The first phase of the renovation entailed upgrading the building system infrastructure and the library support spaces. Also, “found” space within two large light wells was infilled with new mechanical spaces, staff work areas, and two skylighted reading rooms. The second phase involved restoration of the historic public and reading spaces, in which existing features and finishes were preserved, and these features were incorporated as acoustical enhancements.

Architect: Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, Boston, MA office

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