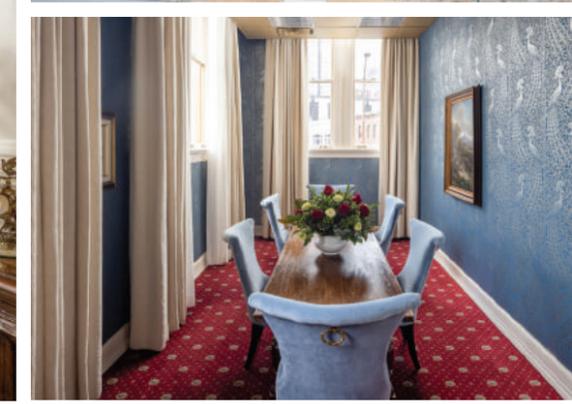


BIBLIOTECA: A GRAND Carnegie Library

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The historic library in Chattanooga, TN transforms into an office space that pays homage to its rich history in classic revival style.



It's Christy and Todd McCain's turn to carry the torch for the majestic Biblioteca, a historic building in Chattanooga, TN, constructed in 1903. With the acquisition of Biblioteca for their corporate offices, the McCains enlisted the expertise of Beverly Baribault Design Group to blend the structure's original grandeur with added comfort and fresh details.

The approach was grounded in a profound reverence for the building's legacy and interior, with the goal of showcasing the power of education from the building's rich history. The team relished delving into research and design details while embracing the multifaceted creative aspects of the project.

From the outset, the vision included distinctive rooms in yellow, green, blue, and red. Refined design choices included upholstered walls, splendid paint shades, faux finishes, opulent fabrics, textured wall coverings, and exquisite lighting. Every effort was made to highlight the building's unique features, including its stained-glass ceilings, meticulously restored plasterwork, and a custom-designed carpet emblem.

The journey to this extraordinary outcome was long and rewarding. As bells from the neighboring Basilica chime, the town is once again in the embrace of the beautiful Carnegie.



“It isn't often you are trusted with such a special project. The vision was paramount. The details won the day.” — Beverly Baribault