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William Sommer Mural, Cleveland Public Library

Main Branch
325 Superior
Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Project Duration:
December 1998–
May 1999

This project involved the restoration, conservation, and installation of a large (25 ft. x 20 ft.) mural by William Sommer, created in 1934 for Brett Hall in the Main Library building. The mural had been deinstalled by the library prior to the renovation of the Main Branch and the ICA was contracted to clean, line, and reinstall the mural. The treatment of the mural itself was relatively straightforward but lining and reinstallation involved research of appropriate materials and methods to fit the mural back into an architecturally framed niche. The lined mural was mounted on to custom-made aluminum strainers which were hoisted into place in the niche. The project involved extensive collaboration with library staff, a rigging company, and a steel welding company.