



ABOUT THIS SKETCHBOOK

The Bridgeton-Women's Library Sketchbook is a representation of the transformation of one of Scotland's Carnegie libraries into the UK's only accredited museum dedicated to women's lives, histories and achievements. The original name of the library – Bridgeton Library – is embossed on the cover of the book as an acknowledgement of the building's history.

In its renovation to become Glasgow Women's Library, the original building has not been altered beyond recognition, but where once the Ladies reading room occupied only a small part of the library, the entire building now houses a lending library, archive and museum, collections, and programmes of public events dedicated to championing women's achievements.

The form of this book and its blank pages offers an open opportunity for notes, sketches and stories. The first seven pages of laser cut detail, designed by model-making company Finch & Fouracre, individually read as abstract, but when layered together they create a detailed relief of the building.

On opening the sketchbook, the facade of the original Bridgeton Library of 1906 is presented; as the first cutout page is turned, the transformed library is revealed, in the form of the iconic extension, completed in 2017. As well as the physical transformation of the building, Finch & Fouracre's design also represents the idea that women's history has always been present beneath the surface of commonly perceived histories – a universal truth that Glasgow Women's Library unveils through their multifaceted activity.

In its simplest form, this sketchbook is a celebration of architecture and the sense of place and belonging that comes with a well-designed building.

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