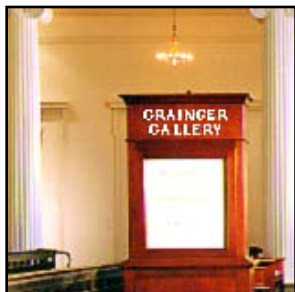


Field Museum of Natural History  
12th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois



Client: Field Museum of Natural History  
Architect: DLK Architecture  
Role: Design/Build

International Contractors, Inc. and DLK Architecture worked as a Design/Build partnership for the renovation of the Field Museum's 6,000 SF Grainger Gallery.

ICI collaborated with designers in creating new artifact display cabinets, reproducing historic light fixtures, selecting innovative audio-visual equipment, upgrading finishes, improving security, updating ultra-violet protection and incorporating various millwork details based upon historic design.

In addition, ICI constructed a 25-foot long "belvedere" on the Museum's north terrace. Meaning "beautiful

view" in Italian, this gallery certainly meets the belvedere definition. The gallery illustrates all famous landmarks on the Chicago skyline, identifies them and provides information about the architects who designed them. Held behind five panels of thick glass is a panoramic photo of the Chicago skyline as well as photos with text outlining historic events in Chicago's history, from its beginning as a coral reef to its development as a revolutionary center for architecture.

Construction was completed in five months with minimal disruption to visitors to the museum.



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