



Brooklyn Public Library retains Bellet Construction for façade renovations

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Brooklyn Heights, NY Bellet Construction has been engaged by the Brooklyn Public Library system to implement repairs on the terracotta façade of the Brooklyn Historical Society at 128 Pierpont St. A registered National Historic Landmark, the Romanesque Revival style building was designed by architect George B. Post—who was also responsible for the design of the New York Stock Exchange—and completed in 1881. Located at the corner of Pierpont and Clinton Sts., the five-story, 36,000 s/f building has sustained damage from natural elements over the years, including extensive water infiltration.

“There are many older and, even, historic buildings in the library system, so it is incumbent on us to make sure they remain in excellent condition,” said Patrick Valentine, operations manager, Brooklyn Public Library. “Bellet Construction’s long history of restoring the facades of landmark properties

gives us every confidence this particular project is in good hands.”

Wayne Bellet, president of Bellet Construction, said, “We are honored to have been chosen to work on this celebrated center and ensure it remains a bastion of culture for another 200-plus years and beyond. We have successfully restored many buildings exteriors composed of highly porous terracotta over the years and understand it takes both skill and patience.”

The Brooklyn Historical Society, also known as the Center for Brooklyn History, hosts exhibitions and houses materials relating to the history of the borough. More than 70,000 public school students tour the museum annually, which also boasts over 9,000 members.

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