NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

THE PROJECT

"NYU Abu Dhabi will consist of a highly selective liberal arts college, distinctive graduate programs, and a world center for advanced research and scholarship—all fully integrated with each other and connected to NYU in New York. Together, NYU New York and NYU Abu Dhabi will form the backbone of a unique Global Network University…" -*New York University*.

The NYU Abu Dhabi Library will not only have a physical presence on campus, but also will be integrated with the NYU Libraries in New York. As an example of cutting edge applications of modern library planning, it will be both a stand-alone resource and part of the larger University library system.

CHALLENGE

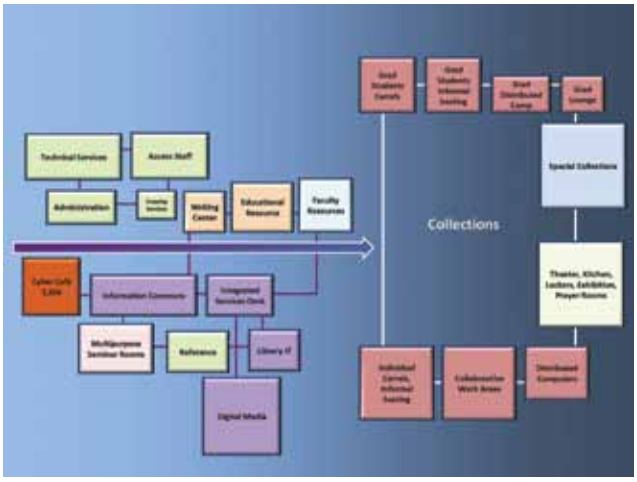
While DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was defining the space program for the NYU Abu Dhabi Master Plan, the client replaced the initial specialized library consultant already engaged in the process, with DLM—because the client had developed a level of comfort with DLM during the Master Plan programming process. DLM provided a summary and detailed program for the new library facility with a keen understanding of the overall campus program that was being developed simultaneously.

SOLUTION

The key issue for this project was envisioning the type of library that is appropriate for an advanced world-class research campus. The vision is for a library that is less a warehouse of books, but more an assemblage of resources that enhance learning. Included are a melding of reference and IT, information commons, café, and a variety of formal and informal, individual and small group collaboration spaces, an educational resource center, a faculty resource center, and a variety of instructional resources.

RESULTS

The campus plan is complete and the facilities are currently under construction in downtown Abu Dhabi. The program developed by DLM formed the basis for the architect to understand the space needs that must be incorporated into building designs.



ADJACENCY DIAGRAM

CONSTRUCTION PHOTO, MAY 2009
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