Library building renovations: Crucial collaborations

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OVERVIEW

• Context
  – University of South Africa (Unisa)
  – Unisa Library
• Collaboration
• Phases of project
• Conclusion
“We get out of life what we put into it. The way we treat others is the way we ourselves get treated”

Ben Carson

Think big: unleashing your potential for excellence
• University of South Africa (Unisa)
  – Open Distance e-Learning to 319 000 students
  – 140 year celebration – first public university for distance education
  – Comprehensive range of study offerings
CONTEXT: UNISA LIBRARY

- Collections and clients
- Branches and Mobile libraries
- Technologies
- Support for teaching, learning and research
  - Facilities for clients
  - Facilities for library staff
  - Facilities for services & operations for decentralised clients
  - Flexible, long term plan, future technologies, changing user demographics and needs
COLLABORATION

- Libraries and collaboration
  - Joint ventures for improved environments
- Collaboration at Unisa
  - Holistic approach to serve
  - Theme of a Mosaic
- Concept of Ubuntu
COLLABORATION IN VARIOUS PHASES

• Research
  – Requirements for academic library buildings
  – Visits to renovated academic library buildings

• Library Staff and Clients
  – Physical environment impact on performance
  – Clients profile, requirements and projections

• Tender Process

• Stakeholder input on requirements
• Stakeholder input on plans
CONCLUSION

• Phase 1 completed
• Collaboration
  – Other libraries, clients, Clients, University Estates, ICT, Architects

“Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much”

Hellen Keller
THANK YOU QUESTIONS?