

Question

Did the architect/team listen to your library's needs and provide satisfactory architectural solutions?

ABA

Princeton PL - L Burger: Yes, the design was "adapted to ways people are actually using the library". ABA learned through "direct observation" and "use patterns". They renovated the 2nd floor, adult fiction/reading room/tech services/meeting rooms in 2015, and provided "layout" plans for the children ad teen floor (3rd). Beyond the design, Andrew was instrumental in our fundraising efforts, which amounted to \$3.5m; he spoke to the town council, provided collateral images, anything we needed.

NYPL - R. Honig: Met with "me" and library staff, collected programmatic requirements for dedicated children's teen, adult spaces. He "provided options. He is very receptive to input and criticism." "He understands libraries really well". He wants to hear from staff, get their input. "He's not a prima dona".

Question

How well did the project adhere to the timeline and budget? If there were issues with either, did the architect and/or provide any alternate solutions?

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Princeton PL - L Burger: 2nd floor had an extremely tight budget and timeline (Leslie's retirement) but they met every deadline and the budget.

<p>NYPO - R Honig: ABA came in on budget. I'm surprised it (Van Cortlandt Branch Library) looks so nice because of what it was and with the budget.</p>	
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Question

Did the assigned staff, and/or consultants, on the project follow it all the way through or were there change

<p>ABA</p> <p>Princeton PL - L Burger: Yes, the staff is collaborative and purposefully small to ensure that "we" had access to Andrew 24/7. We primarily worked with Andrew and Alex.</p>	<p>AOS</p> <p>Penn State/G Kufner: Yes. The same two leaders from AOS - Paul Avazier and Michael Schade - were involved from start to finish.</p>
<p>NYPL - R. Honig: We worked mostly with Andrew and Alex, they followed the project all the way through. Alex and Don Miseary (sp?) were excellent. It's a small firm and everyone is on board.</p>	

Question

Were the consultant teams hands on, easy to access, and work with? Please provide examples.

<p>ABA</p> <p>Princeton PL - L Burger: ABA brought in consultants, worked directly with them after initial meeting. Andrew "will specify designs with consultants and is exclusive in his selection" of them.</p>	
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NYPL - R. Honig: ABA manages the consultants, they review the IT, lighting, etc. Andrew brings the best consultants to the table, helps facilitate the conversation, and coordinates everything. *When Jill asked about furniture, Risa said that ABA is able to work within NYPL "standards of furniture selection" and within the City's contract."*

Question

Would you work with the architect and their team again on a project? Please provide any pros or cons as to

ABA

Princeton: PL - L. Burger: Definitely! I had full access to Andrew. He and his team are very creative. He is a good listener and communicator, responsive, careful. He builds on your ideas, designs them. He is also careful how much he takes on so he can work directly with each ABA project and "gives his full attention."

NYPL - R. Honig: Yes, Andrew is an excellent architect, designer. He listens, he's sensitive. Has a great aesthetic and understands libraries. "That's why I hire him a lot", as much as I can, and there are no cons.