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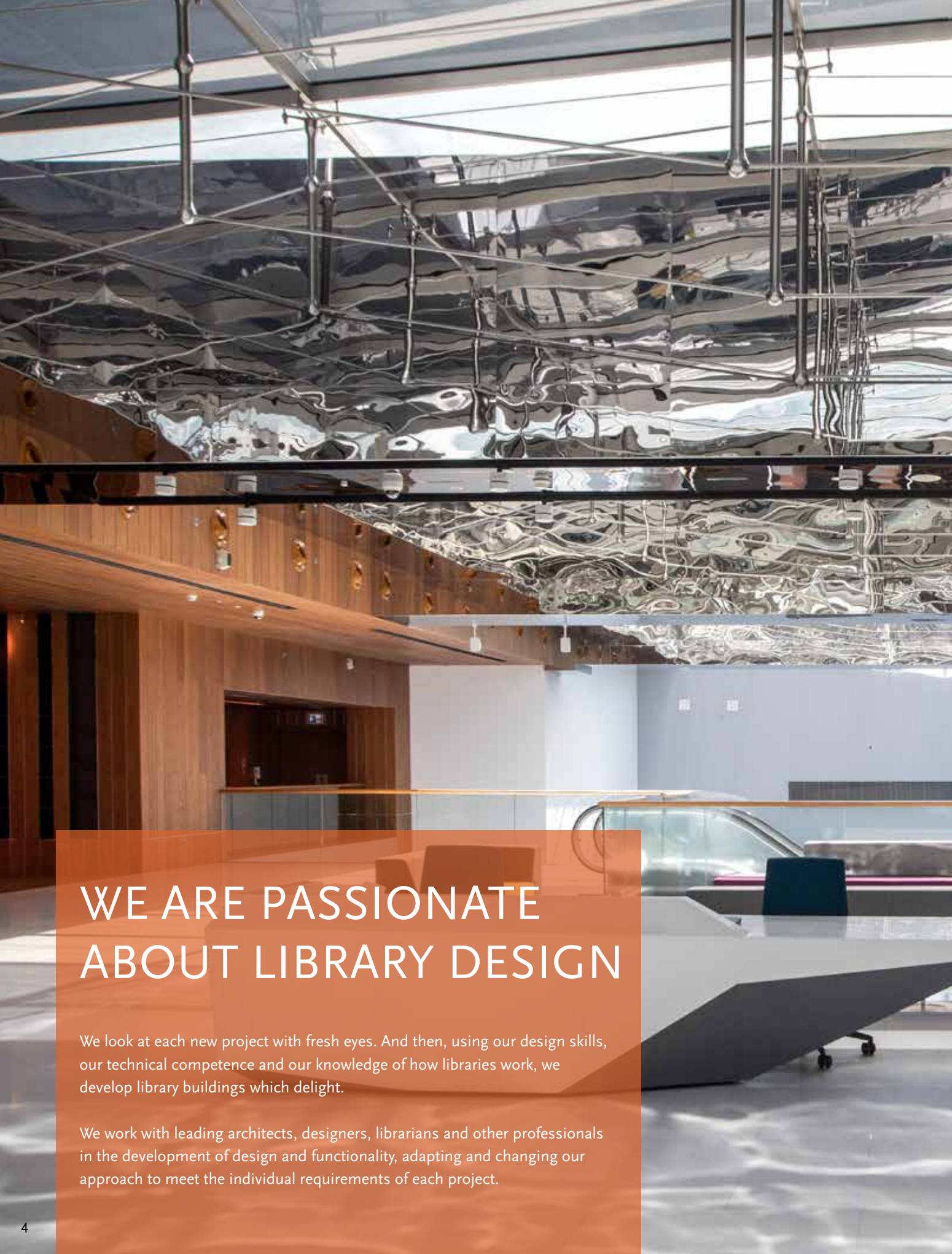
“ We design award winning libraries for public,  
academic, corporate and specialist environments.  
We strive to make every library an attractive and valuable  
experience for both individuals and communities. ”



# MOHAMMED BIN RASHID LIBRARY

Built along the historic Dubai Creek and designed in the shape of a traditional Islamic lectern, the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library is a distinctive centre for culture and knowledge in Dubai. Spanning seven levels, it is now home to over a million titles which are available across multiple languages in both physical and digital formats. Lamnhults Biblioteksdesign were successful in being awarded the tender to design and furnish the full interior of this majestic building.

The facility houses nine separate libraries, dedicated to everything from media and the arts to business titles, international periodicals, maps and atlases, books for children and young adults, and a special collection of archival material. This is in addition to an indoor and outdoor amphitheatre, a literary museum and exhibition space, a conference centre, a two-storey café and a gift shop.



# WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT LIBRARY DESIGN

We look at each new project with fresh eyes. And then, using our design skills, our technical competence and our knowledge of how libraries work, we develop library buildings which delight.

We work with leading architects, designers, librarians and other professionals in the development of design and functionality, adapting and changing our approach to meet the individual requirements of each project.





# THE LIBRARY

Taking on this exciting challenge and working with a selection of handmade carpets that had already been decided upon, we set out to make each of the libraries assume an identity of their own.

Wooden shelving with 38 mm panels frame the runs of shelving whilst the use of 60/30 curved steel shelving effectively zones the spaces. Our square wooden shelving units were customised with glass exhibition cases to house rare manuscripts. The crown in the jewel, which showcases our Uniflex steel shelving system, comes in the shape of four magnificent book walls in the entrance lobby, which are each almost seven metres high and 15 metres wide with integral lighting.

The furniture was all strategically selected to harmonise with the different library themes.











## ADDING VALUE TO COMMUNITIES

Libraries are social spaces, where people meet one another. Everyone has a place in a public library, and we create spaces for different types of people: people who want to sit and relax, people who want to study, people who want to study silently and others who want to chat while they work. And we create spaces where groups of people can talk, can relate to each other and can start to build relationships. For libraries are, after all, at the heart of communities.

# NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION

For children, we provide playful zones with inspirational furniture, designed to arouse curiosity and excite the imagination. We aim to create an environment where storytelling and imaginative play can be enjoyed by children and adults alike. A children's library should be a welcoming space for the youngest child, developing in them a love of libraries, which contributes to their growth and which in turn strengthens their local community.







# THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

On entering the children's library, you are greeted by Pepper, a humanoid storytelling robot. Programmed to be able to recognise faces and basic human emotions, Pepper's mesmerising eyes and cheery voice make the robot an engaging guide, as children are encouraged to take in some of the library's many features.

The shape of the curved 60/30 shelving centrally placed allow the users to meander through the space with children discovering slides, climbing nets, tents and reading nooks to escape into, whilst interactive immersive technology proves to children that reading can be exciting!

Study tables feature trees with integrated lighting and the seating on offer throughout the space is quirky and colourful inviting children and their parents alike to grab a book and linger in the space for a while.

This incredible library provides a platform for intellectual, literary and imaginative minds across the region and indeed the world. More importantly, It is also an environmentally friendly library that has adopted the highest standards of sustainability.





## CHARACTERISTICS

- Functional shelving available in several heights, widths and depths
- Multiple configurations
- Customized solutions
- Integrated lighting

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