

INFO SHEET

FLEX SHELVING

Functional designs for adaptable space

As libraries' program offerings expand, so does the need for adaptable space. By combining the functionality of shelving with the mobility of rolling carts, Spacesaver's flex shelving can roll out of the way to create space for guest speakers, makerspace projects, collaboration and community events.

As shown by the examples below, Spacesaver offers a range of styles, sizes, and accessories to create flexible shelving that complements any library's interior design.

FLEX SHELVING WITH EXPOSED CASTERS

Librarians at this Salt Lake City-area library wanted shelving that could be moved to create open spaces for guest speakers and other community events. They also wanted the library to have an open feel, with unobstructed views from one end of the building to the other. Their local Spacesaver consultant collaborated with the architect to design configurable cantilever shelving units on casters. Located in the children's area, teen area, and media collections, the flex shelving can be easily moved for special events, and wooden end panels were sourced regionally to integrate with the library's interior design.



FLEX SHELVING WITH CONCEALED CASTERS

Staff at this Ohio library wanted moveable shelving, but they didn't want the casters to be visible: they wanted the functionality of a library cart combined with the appearance of standard library shelving. Spacesaver designed safe, sturdy flex shelving to offer the librarians a variety of options when configuring interior spaces.

Although the casters don't lock, the weight of stored items causes the carts to remain stationary when patrons browse, and two people are generally required to push the flex shelving to a new location.



EXTENDED FLEX SHELVING

Staff at the Seattle Public Library had their existing Spacesaver shelving mounted on heavy, low-profile bases fitted with concealed casters and locking mechanisms. This arrangement allows them to easily lock the moveable shelving into the floor to create the appearance and functionality of stationary shelving, and they can unlock and move the units as necessary for maintenance tasks and after-hours receptions and other events. The library's soaring atrium area now has a fleet of movable bookshelves that blend in perfectly with Spacesaver's stationary shelving located elsewhere throughout the library.



A-FRAME CARTS

When this Illinois academic library got the green light for a major new construction project, the librarians knew they had an opportunity to design a facility that would adapt to patrons' changing needs over decades to come. They opted for typical static shelving in the library's upper levels, and for the main floor they chose cantilever shelving on concealed casters, as well as Spacesaver's A-Frame carts for media storage and display. Shelving throughout the library was fitted with custom end panels to create a cohesive look.



ACCESSORIES

In addition to cantilever or 4-Post shelving, Spacesaver carts can also be fitted with roll-out browsing boxes, small shelves for DVDs, and other interchangeable storage and display products.



Contact Spacesaver to learn about available sizes and custom options.

THE SPACESAVER ADVANTAGE

We understand that selecting new shelving is a huge decision. That's why Spacesaver is different from other shelving providers: we offer local consulting and design expertise to help out every step of the way, from planning to product installation. Your local consultants and technicians are backed up by our in-house engineering and manufacturing teams, who are still based in the small Wisconsin town where Spacesaver was founded nearly 50 years ago.

Contact us to arrange a free on-site consultation. There's no cost and no obligation. Your local Spacesaver representative can assess your space, offer insights gained from other clients, and help design a safe, effective system that will store current collections and accommodate future growth.

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