



Low-level shelves are an excellent way to store books without compromising wall space. The owners of this flat worked with designer Fiona Parke to choose open shelving to house their art books. For a good low, free-standing option, try Habitat's 'Aspen', £495. johnstonparkeinteriors.com | habitat.co.uk



Rather than blocking out the light with a backed bookcase, designer Bridie Hall has mounted the shelves straight onto the conservatory frame, allowing the light to enter the room. She has painted the shelves in Farrow & Ball's 'Off Black', £43.50 for 2.5 litres of emulsion. bridiehall.com | farrow-ball.com



In her eighteenth-century converted barn, Emma Burns has incorporated a built-in bookcase into one of the internal walls. Rather than using a standard door, Emma has used a jib door, which she has filled with books. This prevents the flow of the bookshelves being interrupted.



The stepped shelves in this library climb with the sloping ceiling. The space is illuminated by suspended reading lights from antique dealer Christopher Howe. Alternatively, try Barnard Albin Gras' '213 Wall Light', £320, from Twentytwentyone. howelondon.com | twentytwentyone.com

