

Johnson County Library Standardizes Shelving Across Six Locations

Southwest Solutions Group helped the Johnson County Library system create a cohesive shelving standard across six public library facilities with different construction and renovation scopes.

INDUSTRY

Library

Public library shelving project supporting patron-facing collections and staff work areas.

LOCATION

Johnson County, Kansas

Completed for a public library system in the Kansas City metro area.

FACILITY TYPE

Public Library Facilities

The rollout covered six library locations, including new construction, complete remodels, and partial renovations.

SOLUTION

Shelving

Static library shelving systems helped standardize collection storage, staff storage, and public-facing displays.

PRODUCTS USED

Library Shelving Systems

Cantilever stacks, enclosed work-area shelving, and curved display bookcases supported collections, staff storage, featured media, and high-interest materials.

OPERATIONAL GOAL

Standardized Library Shelving

The goal was to create a cohesive shelving appearance and consistent functionality across all six locations.

THE PROBLEM

Creating One Shelving Standard Across Different Library Projects

The Johnson County Library system needed one shelving standard that could work across six facilities with different construction and renovation scopes. Each location required shelving that fit its space while keeping public areas, staff storage, and collection displays consistent from branch to branch.



01

Varied Facility Scopes

The six locations included a mix of new construction, full renovations, and partial remodels. The shelving plan needed to fit different building conditions without creating a disconnected look across the library system.

02

Systemwide Shelving Consistency

Johnson County Library wanted shelving that looked and functioned consistently from one location to another. A coordinated public library shelving standard helped staff and patrons encounter similar layouts, finishes, and storage functions across the system.

03

Different Collection And Storage Needs

The facilities needed shelving for book stacks, secure work-area storage, featured media, and high-interest collections. Each area required the right shelving type while still fitting the broader systemwide standard.

A Standardized Static Shelving System For Six Libraries

Southwest Solutions Group installed coordinated static library shelving systems across six Johnson County Library locations with different construction and renovation scopes. The system combined cantilever book stack shelving, four-post work-area shelving with timber doors, and curved laminate bookcases for featured media and high-interest collections. Static shelving was selected for uniform appearance, stable daily use, and consistent functionality without mobile units.



SOLUTION

WHAT WE INSTALLED

Book Stack, Staff Storage, And Display Shelving

The installation included cantilever book stack shelving, static shelving systems, four-post shelving units with timber doors for secure work-area storage, and curved laminate bookcases for featured media and high-interest collections.

WHY IT FIT

A Stable Standard For Public Library Use

Static shelving matched the library system's goal for a consistent appearance while providing stable, easy-to-use storage for daily public library operations. The approach also eliminated the need for mobile units.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Consistent Shelving Across Different Buildings

The shelving mix aligned collection storage, staff areas, and public-facing displays across multiple facility types. Each location received shelving suited to its space while maintaining the countywide library shelving standard.

Phased Shelving Installation Across Six Library Facilities

SSG completed the shelving rollout in phases so each library received a system matched to its construction or renovation scope. The work included full renovation areas, partial remodels, new construction, cantilever book stacks, four-post work-area units, static shelving, and curved display bookcases. Across all six facilities, the same shelving standard guided product choices and placement so the finished spaces functioned as one countywide system.

01

DISCOVERY & SITE SURVEY

Defined Shelving Needs By Location

SSG reviewed the goals for the six-library rollout and documented the shelving needs for each facility. The review accounted for collection areas, staff work areas, display needs, and the systemwide requirement for a consistent shelving standard.

02

LAYOUT, POWER & DATA PLAN

Planned Shelving Layouts Around Each Scope

Shelving layouts were coordinated around each location's project scope, including new construction, complete remodels, and partial renovations. The plan matched cantilever book stacks, four-post work-area shelving, static shelving, and display bookcases to the spaces where they were needed.

03

SUBMITTALS & APPROVALS

Aligned Product Choices With Library Standards

SSG coordinated the shelving approach so each location could use the right mix of products while maintaining the same overall standard. This helped preserve consistent design and functionality across the county library system.

04

FABRICATION & DELIVERY

Coordinated Components Across Multiple Sites

SSG coordinated shelving components and deliveries for phased work across the six facilities. When the project required a supplier or manufacturer change, components were sourced from a different manufacturer to maintain quality and delivery continuity.

05

INSTALLATION & TRAINING

Installed Shelving In Planned Phases

Installation included cantilever book stack shelving, static shelving systems, four-post work-area units, and curved laminate display bookcases. Each installation followed the shared shelving standard while fitting the needs of its specific library facility.

06

MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT

Created A Repeatable Shelving Standard

The completed project gave Johnson County Library a repeatable physical storage standard for collection, staff, and display areas. The standard can serve as a practical reference for future facility planning across varied library spaces.

RESULTS

Consistent Library Shelving Across Six Locations

The completed installations gave Johnson County Library a cohesive shelving standard across six facilities. The system organized book collections, staff work-area storage, featured media, and high-interest displays while keeping shelving appearance and function consistent across varied building projects.

PRIMARY OUTCOME

Shelving Installed Across Six Library Locations

Southwest Solutions Group installed shelving solutions across six Johnson County Library locations. The rollout created a more standardized appearance and consistent functionality across the countywide library system.

WORKFLOW

Stable Shelving For Daily Library Use

Static and cantilever shelving provided stable, easy-to-use access to book collections across different facility types. Staff and patrons gained a more predictable shelving environment from branch to branch.

ORGANIZATION

Defined Storage For Collections And Staff Areas

The shelving mix created dedicated areas for book stacks, secure staff storage, featured media, and high-interest collections. Curved laminate bookcases helped selected materials remain organized and visible in public-facing spaces.

LONG-TERM VALUE

A Repeatable Standard For Multiple Facilities

By applying one coordinated shelving approach across new construction, remodels, and renovations, the library system gained a practical standard for future facility planning. The result supports consistent collection storage, staff areas, and public spaces across the system.

PROJECT PHOTOS

Johnson County Library Shelving Project Photos

See before and after photos from this multi-location public library shelving project.



READY TO SOLVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM?

Plan The Right Library Shelving System For Your Facility

Southwest Solutions Group helps libraries plan and install shelving systems that support book collections, staff workflows, public access, and facility requirements.

Whether you are planning a library renovation, new construction project, or multi-location shelving update, our team can help develop a shelving plan that fits your space and collection needs.