

# Standardized Library Shelving Across Six County Locations

Southwest Solutions Group helped the Johnson County Library system apply a consistent shelving standard across six locations with different facility scopes, including new construction, complete remodels, and partial renovations.

## INDUSTRY

### Library

Public library shelving project for a countywide library system.

## LOCATION

### Johnson County, Kansas

Multi-location library project in the Kansas City metro area.

## FACILITY TYPE

### Library Facilities

The project covered six library locations with different construction and renovation scopes.

## SOLUTION

### Shelving

Static shelving systems were selected to support uniformity, stability, and everyday ease of use.

## PRODUCTS USED

### Library Shelving Systems

Cantilever book stacks, secure work-area shelving, and curved display bookcases supported collections, staff storage, and high-interest materials.

## OPERATIONAL GOAL

### Standardized Shelving Design

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

## THE PROBLEM

# Coordinating Library Shelving Across Varied Facility Projects

The Johnson County Library system needed a shelving plan that could serve six facilities without creating a mismatched look from branch to branch. Because the work included new construction, complete remodels, and partial renovations, the system needed consistent library shelving function while still allowing each location to address its own space requirements.



01

### Varied Facility Scopes

The library system was working across locations with different project conditions, including new construction, full renovation, and partial remodeling. The shelving approach needed to adapt to those environments without losing a consistent systemwide appearance.

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### Need For Uniform Shelving

The Johnson County Library system wanted a cohesive shelving standard across all six locations. Without a coordinated library shelving plan, each facility could have ended up with different appearances, layouts, and day-to-day functionality.

03

### Different Collection Needs

The facilities needed shelving for general book stacks, staff work-area storage, and featured media or high-interest collections. Each storage use required a suitable product type while still fitting the broader shelving standard.

## A Static Shelving Standard For Systemwide Consistency

Southwest Solutions Group installed coordinated static library shelving across six locations to give varied facility projects a consistent public-facing standard. The package used cantilever book stack shelving for collection browsing, four-post shelving with timber doors for secure staff work areas, and curved laminate bookcases for featured media and high-interest collections. Each facility received the mix required for its scope while preserving a cohesive shelving appearance across new construction, complete remodels, and partial renovations.



SOLUTION

### WHAT WE INSTALLED

#### Cantilever, Work-Area, And Display Shelving

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

### WHY IT FIT

#### Stable Shelving For Public Library Use

Static shelving systems were prioritized to maintain uniformity across locations, avoid the need for mobile units, and provide stable, easy-to-use shelving for staff and patrons.

### OPERATIONAL IMPACT

#### Consistent Spaces Across Different Buildings

The shelving plan helped the library system create a more professional and consistent environment while supporting collection access, material visibility, and practical staff storage across several facility types.

# Phased Library Shelving Installation Across Six Facilities

Southwest Solutions Group carried out the shelving project in phases and adjusted the product mix for each library facility. The work included one full renovation with cantilever shelving and four-post units, static shelving at another location, and a combined new construction and remodeling scope at another. Similar installations were completed at the remaining libraries to create a seamless, standardized appearance across the system.

01

DISCOVERY & SITE SURVEY

## Defined Requirements By Location

SSG identified the shelving needs for each library facility and aligned those requirements with the systemwide goal for a uniform shelving appearance.

02

LAYOUT, POWER & DATA PLAN

## Coordinated Shelving Layouts

Shelving layouts were planned around each facility scope, including renovated areas, static shelving areas, book stack zones, staff work-area storage, and featured collection display areas.

03

SUBMITTALS & APPROVALS

## Matched Product Choices To Library Standards

The shelving approach was reviewed to support consistent design and functionality across all six locations while allowing the product mix to fit each building.

04

FABRICATION & DELIVERY

## Managed Component Sourcing During The Project

When a supplier or manufacturer change occurred during the project, SSG sourced components from a different manufacturer to help maintain quality and timely delivery.

05

INSTALLATION & TRAINING

## Installed Shelving In Planned Phases

SSG completed phased installations across the library facilities, including cantilever book stack shelving, four-post work-area units, static shelving systems, and curved laminate bookcases.

06

MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT

## Established A Durable Shelving Standard

The completed shelving approach gave the library system a consistent physical storage standard for collections, staff areas, and featured material displays across multiple locations.

## RESULTS

# A More Consistent And Functional Library Shelving Environment

The completed shelving installations gave the Johnson County Library system a cohesive systemwide look while supporting the different operational needs of each facility. The project also improved accessibility and visibility for high-interest collections through dedicated curved laminate bookcases.

### PRIMARY OUTCOME

#### Shelving Installed Across Six Locations

Southwest Solutions Group installed shelving solutions across six Johnson County Library system locations, creating a more standardized appearance and consistent functionality throughout the system.

### WORKFLOW

#### Stable Shelving For Daily Library Use

Static and cantilever shelving supported day-to-day staff and patron interaction with collections through stable, easy-to-use systems across different facility types.

### ORGANIZATION

#### Defined Storage For Collection Types

The shelving mix created clear storage areas for book stacks, secure staff work-area needs, and featured media or high-interest collections.

### LONG-TERM VALUE

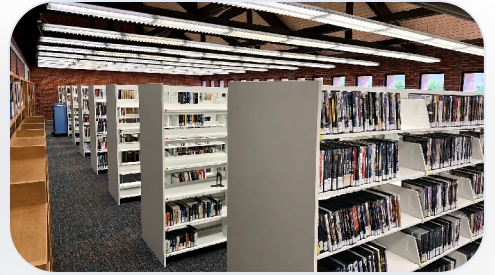
#### A Repeatable Standard For Multiple Facilities

By applying a consistent shelving approach across new construction, remodels, and renovations, the library system gained a durable standard for professional presentation and accessible collections.

## PROJECT PHOTOS

# Project Images

Before and after images are available for this multi-location library shelving project.



## READY TO SOLVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM?

# Plan A Consistent Shelving Standard For Your Library

Southwest Solutions Group helps libraries plan and install shelving systems that fit collection needs, staff workflows, and facility requirements.

If your library system is planning a renovation, new construction project, or multi-location shelving update, our team can help evaluate the right approach.