



Preserving Donations in Limited Space

Spacesaver Storage Specialists help the Delaware Art Museum Maximize Storage Capacity to Make Room for Additional Collections



THE CHALLENGE

The Delaware Art Museum has been in their current expanded and renovated space for eight years. When the staff was moving back in after being in a temporary location during renovations, they decided to purchase an entirely new storage system to house their collections, which contained both works of art and library holdings.

At that time they reviewed three or four suppliers of museum quality shelving and storage solutions and ultimately selected Spacesaver product.

Soon after they reopened, it became clear that even more space for collections was needed right away, due to additional donations.

In one example, the museum was offered a collection of publisher's bindings, rare decorative bindings that fit well with the rest of the museum's collection. The curators decided that they would take these items whether or not they had the space to store them because they would be a valuable addition to the museum.

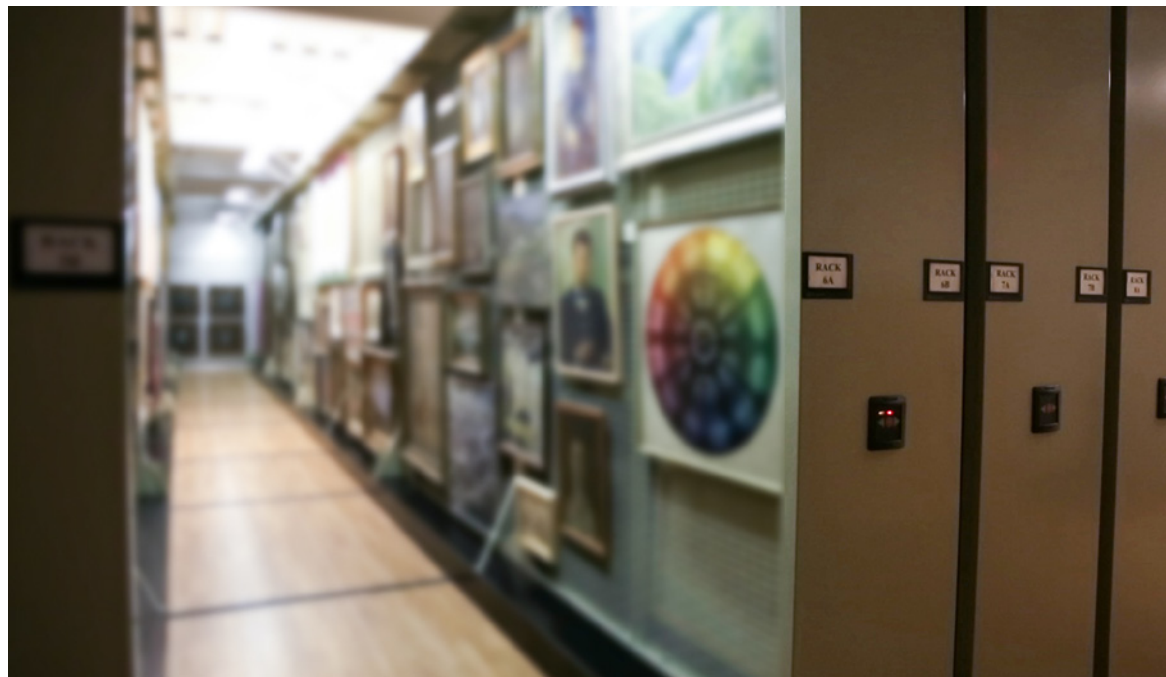
The donation was made up of almost 40 to 50 boxes of books that the museum didn't have space for. For a few months the curators and librarians would have to access titles by searching through the many boxes. When they were done with that book, it would end up going back into the box for storage.

THE SOLUTION

"What we were looking for, was to add additional shelving units in the space that we already had" said Bruce Canter, chief operating officer.

He worked with Diversified Storage Solutions, Inc. (DSSI), the Authorized Spacesaver Representative in Delaware,





to reconfigure the existing shelving and maximize the museum's available space.

"The way the system is designed, it's simple to add an additional shelf," said Canter. "We changed the layout of the library stacks so we could accommodate additional library shelving, and if you're not maxed out, you can easily add an additional rack system."

STORAGE SOLVED

Through smart space planning, the Delaware Art Museum was able to increase their storage capacity on site, which prevented them from

having to turn down additional donations and helped them avoid costly additions to the newly remodeled building.

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