

Art and Archive Storage Made Easy

Spacesaver High-Density Mobile Systems helps Protect Valuable Archives and Artwork



THE CHALLENGE

When the planning process began for an art and archive storage project, the current collection was being stored in the basement of an office tower.

Archival boxes were stacked on static shelving that consisted of nut and bolt assemblies, which created incorrect shelf spacing and provided limited storage space. Not only was storage capacity a concern, but also lack of security and the risk of potential water damage created by housing the collection in a basement.

The art collection was stored in wooden bins stacked two high, which made it difficult to locate specific pieces of art. The multiple sizes of the artwork also made it hard to properly utilize the storage bins and the repetitive removal and replacement of the pieces housed in the wooden slots was also causing damage to the frames and artwork surfaces.

Plastic sheets draped over art, archive boxes, ledger books, bankers boxes, photos and library books served as the only protection from water damage. To prevent any damage and to create easier access to the art and archive collection, relocation to a lower-risk environment and the development of more appropriate storage solutions were necessary.

THE SOLUTION

The staff turned to the storage experts at Spacesaver Solutions, an Authorized Spacesaver Representative in Ontario, to design new storage systems that would solve their current storage challenges.

An Eclipse Powered System® was installed to house the archive collection. The powered high-density mobile storage system was outfitted with a locking Audit Trail





A close up of the water diversion kit with rubber gaskets that covers the front panel gap between carriages.

Touchpad that provided additional security. The Touchpad requires a PIN in order to access the aisles and is then linked back to an audit trail memory retention program and software interface.

The mobile system also includes a water diversion kit with rubber gaskets that cover the front panel gap between carriages. This is to prevent any water from leaking into the mobile system while it's in a closed position.

Spacesaver Art Racks were installed to accommodate art work that ranged from 12" x 12" to 6' x 8' and provided much needed visibility, which helps staff when selecting pieces.

STORAGE SOLVED

The selected Spacesaver storage systems have not only helped with organization of the art and archives for this facility, but have helped keep this collection safe from damage. The new storage systems have also uncovered up to 60% of wasted floor space created by the previous boxes and static shelving.

To learn more about Spacesaver Storage Solutions and how a Spacesaver Storage Specialist can help you overcome your storage challenges, please visit www.spacesaver.com or call 1-800-492-3434.



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