

ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY & EFFICIENCY: THE HAYDEN LIBRARY SHELVING SYSTEM UPGRADE AT MIT

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:



- Upgraded Carriage System:** Installed new Spacesaver Mechanical Assist Carriages for smoother, easier shelf movement and improved accessibility.
- Cost Savings:** Reused MIT's existing cantilever shelving, saving money while adding new shelving to increase storage capacity.
- Efficient Book Handling:** Moved 14,112 linear feet of books with precise attention to order, reloading them shelf-to-shelf with place cards for exact reinstallation.
- Minimal Disruption:** Completed the project over the summer, ensuring no downtime for library operations.
- Custom Installation:** Installed new sub-flooring, rails, and frames for a smooth, efficient mechanical assist system.

Hayden Library at MIT needed an upgrade to its outdated mechanical assist carriage system, which was difficult for staff and students to use. Our storage experts installed a more efficient system and was even able to reuse some of the library's existing cantilever shelving to reduce costs. The project was completed during the summer, ensuring minimal disruption to MIT's academic schedule.



The primary goal of the Hayden Library upgrade was to make the shelving system easier to use for both staff and students, ensuring they could access the collection without struggling to move heavy carriages. By leveraging the mechanical assist system, which requires much less physical effort to operate, the library was able to enhance its workflow while providing additional storage capacity. The project was also carefully managed to meet a tight schedule, ensuring that no disruptions occurred during the busy academic year.



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One of the standout aspects of the project was the meticulous reinstallation of the library's books. Donnegan Systems ensured that every book was returned to its exact location, maintaining the original order of the collection. By using place cards to mark the exact positions of each shelf, the team avoided any need for reorganization of the collection. This attention to detail minimized disruptions for the library staff and ensured a seamless transition back to normal operations.



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The successful completion of the Hayden Library upgrade highlights Donnegan Systems' expertise in providing customized, cost-effective solutions that address the unique needs of our clients. By upgrading the mechanical assist system and reusing existing shelving, we were able to enhance the library's functionality while minimizing both costs and disruption. The installation of new shelving further optimized storage capacity, enabling MIT to accommodate future growth in their collection.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



With a more efficient and user-friendly system in place, MIT now has a solution that will serve its staff and students for years to come, supporting their evolving needs for research and academic resources. This project not only improved daily operations but also positioned the library to handle increased demand and future challenges with greater ease.



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