Aurora Library Shelving
Storage solutions for the professional library
Library Storage Solutions

Our History
For over sixty years Aurora has been a mainstay of librarians who want versatile, sturdy, and beautiful storage for their libraries.

Quik-Lok Library Shelving
Aurora invented and patented the Quik-Lok® system of shelving which eliminates bolts, sway braces and protruding hardware that harm priceless library collections. This patented system provides great rigidity with the flexibility to easily reconfigure sections of shelving to change or grow your system.

Eco-Friendly Products
We’re proud members of the US Green Building Council and have a strong commitment to the environment.

Aurora Library Installations:
- Adams, Kleemeier, Hagan, Hannah & Fouts
- Caterpillar, Inc.
- Chemical Heritage Foundation
- Clinton Presidential Library
- Harold Washington Library
- Hearst Publishing
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- JFK Presidential Library
- Liberty Intermediate School
- Lincoln Presidential Library
- Nixon Presidential Library
- Northwestern
- North Carolina State
- Riverside Court of Appeals
- Robert Morris College
- San Diego State University
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois
- University of Memphis, Law Library
- University of Wisconsin
- West Aurora High School

Expert Design Services
The Aurora Design Department will work with your team to create a customized storage solution taking into consideration growth requirements, accessibility, aesthetics, and budget.

If you’re challenged for space we can design a system to help your library store more in less space on-site or off-site.
Aurora Library Shelving
The Smart Choice for Book Storage

Why settle for old-fashioned cantilever shelving for book storage when you can have Aurora Library Shelving?

Aurora Library Shelving features a unique design that’s easy to assemble, reconfigures in a snap and eliminates the problems of book storage common to cantilever-style shelving.

The Aurora Quik-Lok® System

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<td>Easy assembly requires no nuts, bolts or hardware</td>
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<td>System changes as your needs change</td>
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Many of today’s school libraries are short on space and shorter on funds, causing librarians to serve an ever expanding student population with limited resources.

Libraries have morphed into school media centers, true multimedia environments assisting Generation Y students with so much more than just book circulation.

Aurora can help to fit more media into tight spaces and tight budgets.

**Solutions**

- Store more books in less space to gain valuable floor space for other activities
- Choose multimedia accessories uniquely designed for library use to house magazines, movies, games, oversized books
- Add counter-high units for easy student accessibility, usable work space, and extra gathering places

**Store games and movies**
Higher Education

The academic library environment has special storage considerations for main campus collections, decentralized school libraries within a university, archival storage for dissertations and masters theses, or research departments.

Solutions

Space is frequently at a premium, yet acquisitions continue to grow. The design experts at Aurora have solved these challenges for many high profile universities and colleges.

- Aurora’s compact 4-post design stores more books than cantilever per square foot
The Public Library is a community’s most valued asset providing a learning site, gathering place, and setting for activities for all ages.

Demand for services increasing? Space constricting as you add programs? Aurora can design a space-efficient system that optimizes every bit of floor and vertical space.

Solutions

- Flexible, reconfigurable library storage assembles and disassembles easily to change when you do
- Rugged construction holds up under constant patron use
- High density mobile library storage option uses 50% less space so you can add study carrels, internet stations, and copiers
Corporate Library

Need to store tapes of every single sporting event broadcast over the last four decades?

What about research journals? Bound copies of every publication your firm has issued?

Solutions

- More shelving depths, widths, and heights ensure perfect storage solutions for all types of corporate collections

- An Aurora high-density mobile library system uses 50% less floor space and features selective security to store your sensitive material
Design firm awash in binders, fabric swatches and design samples?

Just see what Aurora can store.

**Solutions**

- Multimedia storage for binders, books, cds, video and sample bags – anything and everything you have to store
- Angled display shelves keep periodicals and samples organized
- Special drawers configure and reconfigure to store even the smallest of items
Legal Library

Running out of room for trial preparation notes, courtroom exhibits, and Federal Registers?

Whether your firm requires elegant front office style or back room efficiency, Aurora is on your side.

Solutions

If aesthetics are a high priority in your firm, Aurora has the answer with Wood-Tek Library Systems.

- Wood-Tek Library systems combine the strength of steel shelving with elegant wood end panels, base, and crown molding
Aurora Shelving offers a full range of library accessories:

- Slotted shelves (optional)
- Reference shelves
- Magazine doors
- Sloping shelves
- Label holders
- Newspaper racks
- Wire book supports

- Magnetic followers
- Media shelves
- Magnetic card holders
- Drawers
- Hanging rack for CDs and books
- Laminate countertops and end panel treatments

Color Options
- 29 beautiful colors in Gloss-Tek a document safe finish with no VOC's to harm the environment

Aurora Library Sizes
Aurora Library Shelving is available in more widths, heights and depths than any other shelving brand on the market, cantilever included!

Heights
- 40 1/4", 64 1/4", 76 1/4", 85 1/4", 88 1/4", 97 1/4", 100 1/4", 121 1/4"

Depths
- Single Entry
  - 9", 10", 12", 13", 15", 16"
- Double Entry
  - 18", 20", 24", 26", 30"

Widths
- 24", 30", 36", 42", 48"

Mobile Ready
- Turn shelving into mobile ready systems
- Save 50% floor space, or store 100% more

Wood-Tek™
Customize Aurora Library Shelving with Wood-Tek, a premium wood option for shelving end panels, crown molding, and shelf edges.
- Doors, conference tables, atlas stands
- Available in 5 wood species and 10 rich stains
- Custom match available

Library Upright
Library inner wall construction allows easy access to books at the end of the row.
## The 4-Post vs. Cantilever Debate

**Why a common solution is not necessarily the best solution.**

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<td><strong>Aesthetics</strong></td>
<td>Shelving comes with steel end panels for a clean and polished look</td>
<td>Open cantilever has unfinished look</td>
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<td>End panels are a purchased option</td>
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<td><strong>Compact Footprint</strong></td>
<td>Saves floor space and provides more storage than similar sized cantilever unit</td>
<td>Add 2” – 2½” to unit depth to accommodate posts</td>
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<td><strong>Book Damage Prevention</strong></td>
<td>Gusseted uprights provide smooth inner sidewalls so books do not slide or lodge behind uprights</td>
<td>Shelves can exhibit lateral movement away from slots in cantilever uprights causing material to catch between end bracket and upright</td>
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<td><strong>Adjustability of Shelves</strong></td>
<td>Individually adjustable per side on back to back units</td>
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<td><strong>Size Selection</strong></td>
<td>Available in 5 widths and 11 depths, more than cantilever shelving</td>
<td>Limited to a maximum of 36” width for most manufacturers</td>
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<td><strong>Collection Cleanliness</strong></td>
<td>Top canopy shelf is standard, protecting books from dust and water damage from accidental fire sprinkler discharge</td>
<td>Open top is standard</td>
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<td>Canopy is non-standard purchased option</td>
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<td><strong>Mobile Ready</strong></td>
<td>Anchors easily to mobile carriages with no loss of stability or additional hardware</td>
<td>Must be reinforced with gussets on alternate uprights to make mobile ready, adding to system costs</td>
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<td><strong>Single Unit Stability</strong></td>
<td>Rigid uprights and shelf reinforcements make even a single section of shelving stable</td>
<td>Lateral racking can occur</td>
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Although cantilever style shelving is often specified for library applications, many professional librarians are choosing Aurora 4-post shelving as a superior alternative.

*Illinois Institute of Technology*  
*Chicago, IL*
Aurora Library Shelving Yields Higher Density

The University of Illinois chose Aurora Shelving over cantilever-type shelving. University planners studied layouts utilizing both types of shelving and discovered that 1/3 of a million more volumes could be stored on Aurora Shelving vs. cantilever shelving.