

EDUCATION

WEST TISBURY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The community of West Tisbury, located on beautiful Martha's Vineyard, builds a new library and utilizes custom shelving for expanding collections.

The West Tisbury Free Public Library, located on Martha's Vineyard in the small rural town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts, was running out of space and didn't have room to house their collections. With alternate and off site storage in place to handle overflow, materials were becoming inaccessible and having ample room for storage and public work spaces was a growing concern

Upon receiving a grant for a library expansion to increase capacity and improve interior spaces, library administrators contracted with Systematics to help them design a shelving and storage solution that provided an uniquely aesthetic library with efficient, highly functional storage.

“When you find a company that really understands your needs and then goes all the way, and then some, to help you create the project of your dreams, you have to feel pretty good about it.”

- Beth Kramer, Director, West Tisbury Free Public Library

PRODUCT / SERVICES PROVIDED

CANTILEVER SHELVING

PERIODICAL SHELVES

DVD STORAGE

LOCKED SECURITY
DISPLAY CABINETS

STORAGE
CONSULTATION
AND DESIGN

REHOUSING
SERVICES





“Systematics has been wonderful to work with and very responsive to our needs.” - Beth Kramer

CHALLENGE “The West Tisbury Free Public Library houses the largest collection on the island and the storage in the new space needed to be highly functional, beautiful, and provide easy access to materials,” explained Beth Kramer, library director. Library staff wanted to design a space that would be open and visually appealing, yet also be able to provide accessible and functional storage for the book, periodical and media collections.

SOLUTION Systematics worked with the design team to select a shelving solution that best fit the library collections, while at the same time, provide an aesthetically appealing interior space. On the main floor, as well as in the children’s area, half-height shelving was employed to allow for easy accessibility to materials, yet also allowing an open, unobstructed view of public spaces.

Specialty periodical shelving was designed for the large magazine collection and includes angled display shelves for easy viewing of current issues as well as hidden storage for back issues. DVD collections are housed in shallow, densely-spaced media shelving placed around the parameter of the room that provide for easy access and viewing. Lockable security display cabinets are used to safely secure the library’s rare Vineyard Collection.

In the childrens’ area, Systematics created a beautiful, yet functional space. Shelving end panels, which are multi-functional with magnetic boards, allow for display of youth art and promotional event posters.

It was important to the library staff to create a sense of lightness and beauty in the stacks on the lower level. Systematics utilized acrylic, transparent end panels, combined with colorful shelving, to create a visually appealing environment.

“Now our library has beautiful shelving that displays all of our collection perfectly within eyesight and people can actually reach things and find the materials that they want,” stated Kramer.



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