## **MUSEUM**

### MEAD ART MUSEUM, AMHERST COLLEGE

AMHERST, MA





# Century-old collections preserved using unique storage solutions

Established in 1949, the Mead Art Museum, which houses the art collection of Amherst College that consists of more than 14,000 American and African works, world-renowned paintings and unique textiles, underwent a major renovation of its collection storage areas to provide improved preservation through segregated temperature and climate-controlled storage areas. The ASA member worked with the museum's collection manager to provide the optimum storage solution for its vast range of objects within each uniquely designed storage area.

"Now, with everything stored professionally using the most favorable preservation methods, we offer a more suitable environment for our collections and have the ability to accommodate growth in a safe and manageable way." - Stephen Fisher, Collections Manager

## PRODUCTS / SERVICES PROVIDED

HIGH-DENSITY MOBILE

ART RACK

CUSTOM SLAT WALL

TEXTILE DRAWERS

WIDE-SPAN

4-POST SHELVING

STANDARD &
OVERSIZED FLAT FILES

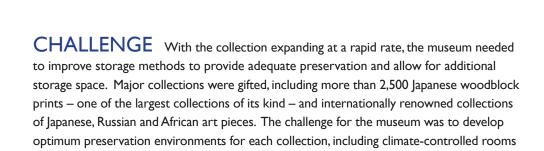
SPACE PLANNING

STORAGE CONSULTATION









**SOLUTION** The ASA member consulted with the museum's collection manager, recommended storage alternatives included high-density storage systems, four-post shelving, slat wall, drawer storage, art racks and other shelving solutions.

Using wide-span shelving, larger artifacts, such as furniture, sarcophaguses and statues, are raised off of the floor to prevent possible damage. Paintings and works-on-paper are stored on art racks and in a high-density mobile storage system that includes museum cabinets with flat drawer and shelf storage. Museum cabinets with specially designed drawers are also used to store rolled and folded textiles. To further maximize existing space, slat wall was installed around the perimeter of several rooms to hang artifacts of various weights and sizes, including decorative mirrors and larger rolled textiles.

#### **Specialized collection storage solutions:**

with specially designed storage solutions.

Sculptures - wide-span shelving, slat wall

Works on paper - mobile storage system with drawers, flat files

Framed art work – art rack system

African artifacts - wide-span shelving

Decorative arts - wide-span and four-post shelving, slat wall

Furniture - wide-span shelving

Textiles - drawers, slat wall



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