

ECOSPACE SHELVING SYSTEMS AT EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY



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Over an eight year period since 2005, Ecospace has not only supplied and installed new shelving systems but also altered existing shelving in several of the libraries which serve Edinburgh University's thirty three thousand students.

Nine different contract phases, valued at a total of more than one million pounds, have provided for new mobile and static shelving and for dismantling existing library shelving and re-erecting it complete with new perspex end panels and overhead stabilisers.

In addition to book storage, the new shelving, much of it of the mobile type to maximize available space for storage, provides facilities to accommodate pictures, archive boxes and various other artefacts. In the Main Library in George Square, the mobile shelving accessible to students is fitted with coloured perspex end panels in varying colours which match those fitted to the re-erected library shelving.

Wherever mobile shelving has been installed, other than on the main floors of the library in George Square, Ecospace has also provided infill floors with the rails on which the mobile bases run being laid on the existing structural floors. A flush infill floor is then installed over the area with a sloping ramp along one edge to allow trolleys to be wheeled between units. As well as obviating the requirement to chase out structural floors, the use of the infill floor simplifies subsequent alteration or movement to the shelving systems if this is required in the future.

In archive storage areas where climatic conditions are closely controlled, shelving has been fitted with perforated steel end panels to facilitate air flow.

