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Prestigious Architecture Firm Entrust Montel's Shelving System for Bryant University's Library

Situated in the suburban community of Smithfield, Rhode Island, Bryant University was founded in 1863. Considered today a medium private campus size offering various academic programs, Bryant University services approximately 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

Designed by the New York based architect firm, Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, the innovative \$27 million George E. Bello Center building project was the centerpiece of a major redesign at the Bryant University campus. Housed inside this 72,080 total square footage main attraction, the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library was planned to occupy a major portion of the building.

During the construction of the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library, the contracted architectural firm was faced with the task of designing a modern library for the growing volume of books. With a library square footage of 62,000, Bryant University was searching for flexible and aesthetic library shelving systems that would provide enough room space and improve organization to the new building.

Montel worked with the architect to analyze the library shelving design and to perform a space utilization analysis. Based on a successful shelving proposal, Montel's Aetnastak cantilever library shelving systems were chosen for the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library's shelving needs (reference shelving, current periodical shelving, circulating collection shelving, and staff shelving).

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For the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library collections, Montel installed its Aetnastak cantilever library shelving systems. As an industry shelving reference that could be reconfigured and expandable for future library storage needs, the Aetnastak library shelving offered a wide range of accessories and practical features.

Designed for efficient space utilization, performance and lasting service, the Aetnastak cantilever library shelving integrated perfectly with the proposed aesthetic look. "In addition, Montel's consultation with the construction of the wood end panels and surrounds made everything fit very seamlessly," stated Mary Moroney. "The customization of our current periodical shelving was met very adeptly to our specifications and needs."

With a library collection of over 135,000 printed volumes, Montel used 25,633 linear feet or nearly 5 miles of library shelving for the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library.

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