

Innovative collection management solutions

Iron Mountain Media & Archival Services

Whether you're at the helm of a research library or a treasured archive, you are faced with the challenge of balancing the evolving needs of your patrons while ensuring the protection of and access to your collections. In addition to the more traditional demand to create new spaces to support dynamic learning, social interaction, and collaboration. All of this is putting pressure on your precious real estate, reducing the available floor space for collection stacks.

Deciding to invest in an archival project calls for thoughtful consideration and careful planning to ensure you get the most out of your budget. That's why you need a partner who has the experience and resources to help you think through your options, as well as one who can develop a plan that meets your institution's goals.

You'll benefit from working with experts who understand your unique requirements, including:

- ✓ Preparing and inventorying collections for relocation
- ✓ Reducing stack space for your collections
- ✓ Digitizing special collections and unique content
- ✓ Changing the way you provide services to your patrons

Today's evolving archive



Plan

Develop a plan to manage collections through a archival transformation.



Relocate

Free up space by relocating collections out of the archive.



Shift

Make better use of your space and provide better access by shifting collections within the archive.



Temporarily vacate

Relocate collections to a temporary space during renovations, replacing HVAC, completing a seismic retrofit, or updating your floor plans.



Protect

Relocate archival collections to ensure they have the physical and environmental security they need.



Digitize

Protect special collections and make them more accessible by creating digital surrogates.



Scale

Execute projects with temporary expert staff from your geographic area.



Securely transport

Protect your shared collections as they are transferred between buildings and institutions.



Manage art

Reimagine your space with new or reinstalled art collections.



Outsource storage

Choose the optimum storage environment, and provide next day access to collections that are stored offsite.



Capitalize on opportunity

Accept the next special collection donation even though you don't have the room to receive and process it today.



Respond quickly to disaster

Move quickly when the unexpected happens to protect your collections.

Innovative and scalable collection solutions for libraries, archives, and special collections

Iron Mountain's team of subject matter experts (SMEs) are professional librarians and archivists, and they work hand in hand with you to develop customized solutions. They will work with you to ensure you fully understand the options that work best for your library or archive. You'll benefit from Iron Mountain's deep knowledge of how to properly care for materials—including monographs, special collections, bound journals, microform, multimedia, art, artifacts, and more. We'll help to ensure your items are protected and accessible so that you can continue to service your community.

How we can help

Planning and scoping | Expert librarians and archivists provide consulting on how to best manage your collections throughout your transformation and will tailor the solution to the needs of your organization.

Collection move readiness | From preparation, stabilization and boxing of materials, to inventory analysis, our experts work with you to develop relocation preparation that is strategic, cost-effective, and appropriate—all of which ensure that collections will be protected and accessible when moved.

Relocation and collection shifting services | These services are tailored to the needs of your library or archive. Specialized workflows and handling are paired with Iron Mountain's secure chain of custody to deliver solutions at any scale. You will be confident knowing that your collections are being handled with care by trained staff who understand maintaining collection order and archival classification.

Storage and access | Solutions are available for all types of collections and institutional needs. From circulating collections to the most valuable special collections, you will have access to temporary swing space or long-term storage in a variety of environmental configurations. Circulation back to the archive can be made seamless to your librarians and patrons with either integration options with your ILS or collection management software.

Archival digitization | Specialized handling, workflow, and digitization capabilities provide institutions with a new option for processing and imaging select materials or entire collections at scale, while adhering to the strictest archival standards, including complying with FADGI guidelines.

Media digitization | From modern standard media types to lesser-known, rarely used formats, Iron Mountain supports the digitization of all of your media. Our labs feature industry veterans who are highly trained in preservation and digitization techniques to ensure you get the protection you need through the digitization process. Our expert systems enable you to examine your collections using artificial intelligence, while they are protected on our Iron Cloud.

Fine art relocation and storage | Specialty fine art services are provided through our sister business, Crozier Fine Arts. You will have the technical expertise, tools, and storage to manage art and artifacts of all sizes.

Secure logistics | Efficient and secure transportation programs are available for collections of all sizes – whether it be for a single move or for regular repeat shipments.

Outsourced staffing | Augment your staff with resources you can trust to ensure projects get done right. Whether you are looking for regular project labor or skilled librarians, Iron Mountain can provide you with the staffing you need to complete your project.



Learn more

Find out how Iron Mountain can help with your transformation project, please contact libraryservices@ironmountain.com

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