

Public Bookstacks

4,085 sq. ft.

Functions:

Shelving and selection of books
Brief consulting of books

Users: Staff: as needed Public: varies Machine Seats: 1

Parameters of measurement:

20,000 population projection
4.25 volumes per capita (includes total *book* collection, 85,095 volumes)
44,295 volumes
23,648 non-fiction = 2,365 sq. ft., 20,647 fiction = 1,720 sq. ft.
See "Units of Measure" p. 46 for vols./sq. ft.
Aisles ADA compliant – 36" minimum

Equipment:

metal ranges with 5' centers, braced from the top. Ranges should have one pull-out shelf per aisle for book consultation.
1 public catalog (OPAC) in center of stacks with appropriate wiring and cabling
3 book trucks
6 kick stools
1 small stepladder
1 wastebasket
end panels with display capabilities

Close to:

OPACs (public catalog)
Information/Study Area

Distant from:

Children's Room
Meeting Room

Environment:

Most of the adult collection is housed here. To aid in self-service, the layout should be done so that the Dewey System can be easily followed.

30' bays should be used to minimize columns. Electric outlets for future use should be throughout the area. There should be limited natural light or U/V screened windows. A stable temperature is needed. **There should be clear lines of sight down the aisles from the Circulation Desk.**

Lighting should be parallel to aisles and fill top to bottom shelves for utmost readability. Sign holders on end panels should permit flexibility. Wall areas should have chair rails to protect walls and to provide for future wiring.