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Shelving solutions don't have to be traditional. Non-traditional shelving can be a game changer, and it may come as a surprise that a non-traditional solution, or one that integrates traditional with non-traditional may be surprisingly affordable. And the payoff can be huge, including improvements in:

- Space,
- Technology,
- Ergonomics and safety,
- Inventory control and accuracy,
- Workflow and productivity,
- Security,
- Flexibility, and
- More.



Non-traditional solutions can include automated vertical storage and mobile aisle storage. Both create solutions that reduce the footprint of shelving whether by building upward to utilize vertical space (including multi-floor solutions) and mobile aisle storage, which eliminates all but a single 'moveable' aisle.

Storage solutions must be flexible. Storage needs vary in size from tiny dental parts to surgical kits to large hospital beds. Non-traditional shelving solutions can accommodate both a large number of diverse inventories with high pick numbers, and inventory with diverse needs like cooling or heating, and protection from contamination and dust.

When Kraftwerks works toward a solution, we don't automatically look to replace and eliminate existing traditional shelving and replace it with non-traditional storage. As certified inspectors, we assess existing shelving for viability and integrate and salvage it wherever possible. Sometimes, the best option is a combination of both.

Kraftwerks' team of professionals comes onsite and we talk to people (at all levels) to assess the needs of the organization and its goals. We analyze the operation and its workflow to create a targeted solution with the smartest application.

We plan and measure, then plan and measure again using 3-D modeling and hands on assessments.

Our vast network of vendor partners means you won't be pigeonholed into the products of a single vendor. We integrate products from a variety of vendors in nearly every job and recycle and reuse wherever viable.



Kraftwerks Case Study Spotlight

Hospital beds are very large, heavy, and they consume a large footprint of space making them difficult to store when not in use. Hospital "corridor beds," a violation of NFPA101 Life Safety Code regulations, are beds that are held in hospital corridors because there simply isn't enough room to store them.

UR Medicine Highland Hospital was experiencing a growing issue with storage of their hospital beds.

The hospital's unused beds needed to be stored away from rooms and corridors, but quick, easy access to the beds was critical. However, storage space was limited.

The team at Kraftwerks determined the best way to maximize storage of the hospital beds was to install vertical bed lifts. They reviewed and analyzed the number, size, and weight of the beds, the hospital's available (but limited) storage space, and reviewed the typical usage of the beds and the way they flowed in and out of use.

The installation of multiple bed lifts maximized storage because beds were 'stacked' inside the lift in a vertical arrangement. And because the lifts are automated, retrieval was quick, easy, and safe.

The new storage application using vertical bed lift storage tripled the hospital's storage capacity, while using only 50% of the previous storage footprint.

Click on the button below to read the full case study.

UR Medicine Highland Hospital Case Study

Kraftwerks works with proven vendors like Hänel, Vidir, Datum, and many others. Finding the right mix of products from reputable vendors is one of our specialties.

[Click here](#) to see how Kraftwerks used vertical lifts to improve storage of surgical kits in a small footprint for a prominent children's hospital.

[Contact us](#) and we'll help you transform your space into more efficient, useful space. We have offices in the Buffalo and Rochester areas.

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