



# ELECOMPACK

## CASE STUDY

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME  
COOPERSTOWN, NY



Baseball. The national pastime. And for those who are real fans of the game, a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y., is a near spiritual experience. All the greats are forever enshrined within its hallowed halls...Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, they are all there. The chronicles of the sport - its history, team records, biographies and statistics on the greatest athletes who ever played the game - are captured and preserved at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Central to the Hall of Fame's attraction is the National Baseball Library & Archive. This 30,000-square foot facility includes museum offices, research areas, library exhibits, and is charged with the preservation and storage of Baseball's vast collection of archives.

It was the Spring of 1994, and after serving the institution of Baseball and saving valuable documents for a half century, the archive found it was filled to capacity. Not only that, but plans were in the works to open the library to the public, which required a system that could provide access and organization.

Under the direction of Librarian Tom Heitz, the archives launched a major renovation and expansion program using ELECOMPACK Mobile Shelving. The goal of the expansion effort was not only to provide for current needs, but also to give the library a 25-year capacity for growth.

The library researched a variety of alternative systems before making their final decision. Only ELECOMPACK provided the space savings, safety features, access, and durability the library needed for its long term strategy.

"In the library field, the average collection grows between five and seven percent each year," Heitz explained, "so you have to think of collection management in terms of quarter centuries. ELECOMPACK's Mobile Shelving was the best storage system for our long-range expansion plan."



There are three floors in the National Baseball Library & Archive. The lowest level is climate-controlled for archives storage, the library's upper two levels hold the exhibit areas and offices. The first ELECOMPACK Mobile Shelving system, installed in just three weeks in the lower level, uses suspended compartments to house the library's valuable collection of more than 250,000 historic baseball photos.

ELECOMPACK Mobile Shelving is the only system engineered with upright supports recessed five inches into the moving carriage-this unique design provides maximum structural integrity and safety. And ELECOMPACK's mechanical-assist shelving offers both a passive-aisle security system and quick, easy access to all materials. The photo collection is safe and protected with enough spare capacity to handle growth for many more superstars!

