



Teaching Old Books New Tricks William B. Meyer, Inc. Library Relocation



Using 21st century technology to relocate 17th century treasures is something even the creative mind of William Shakespeare could not have imagined. But we know he would approve.

We bet he'd be impressed with William B. Meyer Library Relocation's advanced bar code scanning technology, a forward thinking approach to inventory control that provides industry leading client benefits.

Bar code scanning technology helps libraries prepare for and manage their move in a way that was unimaginable just a few short years ago.

Based on Palm technology, William B. Meyer has developed proprietary software that allows on the spot scanning of library assets as they are processed for removal, transported or stored, then reshelved at a new location.

Once scanned, books can be tracked and controlled by the library to obtain immediate relocation status and access resulting in minimum disruption to their patrons.

A great example of this technology in use occurred during the Folger Shakespeare Library project in Washington, DC. William B. Meyer, Inc. was contracted to relocate the oldest independent Shakespeare collection in the country. A complete custom database system was created to allow Folger Library personnel to not only track the movement of their valuable assets, but it also provided a physical inventory of shelf locations for the entire collection.

The database provided instant reports detailing individual book movement and status as well as a means of identifying items found, or not found, on the shelf.

This allowed the library to electronically update their catalog system with complete accuracy.

Each box of packed books received a unique barcode which referenced every book in the box by a call number. Boxes were rescanned as they were loaded on the truck to verify removal from the library.

This process reconciled the content of the boxes with the list of items previously scanned for removal.

When the boxes arrived at the final destination, they were once again scanned off the truck to determine arrival and shelving location as specified by the database.





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During the entire process, the Folger Library staff was able to access the database via a user-friendly website interface designed to allow instant access to their inventory status and immediate location of any book that might be requested.

According to Frank Shiboski, CIO for William B. Meyer, Inc., "The use of our technology separates us from our competition. Not only does it provide tracking and accountability but creates a real physical inventory of items that were actually there. This is an important tool that provides the customer with real-time item data that can then update the libraries catalog system with accurate information".

William B. Meyer Library Relocation's advanced barcode technology provides increased client control. Efficiency, accountability and accuracy are all improved. In the end, that translates to greater patron satisfaction.

Sometimes, modern technology really can teach an old book a few new tricks.

Give us a call and find out why the University of Alabama, The Department of Energy and of course, The Folger Library trusted William B. Meyer, Inc. to relocate their highly valued assets.

About William B. Meyer, Inc.

Since 1982, William B. Meyer, Inc. has relocated over 1,000 libraries all over the United States. The largest of those moves was the Los Angeles Public Library with over three million volumes. Other clients include Yale University; Harvard School of Business; Cornell Law School; Salt Lake City Public Library; United States Department of Energy; Folger Shakespeare Library and the Boston Athenaeum. In addition to relocating libraries and rare book collections throughout the country, William B. Meyer, Inc. is responsible for the ongoing management and maintenance of the New England Regional Book Depository and the materials housed there. A partial list of libraries currently utilizing this service in addition to Simmons College include Bowdoin College; Bates College; New England School of Law; Emerson College; Boston Athenaeum; Redwood Library and Athenaeum and Boston Architectural Center.

William B. Meyer, Inc. is a family-owned company known for innovative solutions to relocation and logistic needs. William B. Meyer, Inc. is headquartered in Stratford, Connecticut. For more information about William B. Meyer, Inc., go to www.williamsbmeyer.com.

