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Sebastian River High School Media Center:

# From Outdated to Outstanding

Gone are the days of silent, drafty libraries with heavy wooden tables and buzzing artificial light. A new era of vibrant, lively media centers with technology, maker spaces, natural light, and adaptable furniture has emerged.

The value of the information tucked away in books hasn't depleted, but the ways in which students consume it has and school libraries must adapt. Sebastian River High School in Sebastian, FL struggled with an outdated, pink library dubbed the "pink prison" by students. Needing to strip itself of that title and create a dynamic, welcoming space that inspires creativity, collaboration, and community, Sebastian River High School embarked on a library redesign and enlisted the help of MooreCo's experienced design and sales teams.

The new space opened in the fall of 2023, and the transformation was exceptional. Leaving pink in the past, the space is washed with bold, saturated tones of blue, gray, and silver, a nod to the fearsome the school mascot, the Shark.

Working closely with Kerri Wall, senior instructional technology administrator and data

privacy compliance officer, and her team, it was clear that they wanted to move away from the traditional library model and create a space that truly reflected the needs of today's learners.

"We took all of that information and came up with our wish list of things we wanted the space to be," she says. "And the number one thing was that it should be the heart of the school."

MooreCo offered tailored solutions that met the unique requirements of Sebastian River High School. From flexible furniture options to cutting-edge technology integration, every aspect of the redesign was carefully considered to maximize functionality and engagement.

Taking this vision into account, the MooreCo team sought to not only supply flexible furniture for the renovated space, but to completely transform its functionality and feel. Lounge spaces, workspaces, and separate classrooms were carved out to cater to different student activities and needs. [Community Tables](#) were paired with [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs](#) in the school's signature blue to create learning spaces for specialized instruction within the media

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center. The team also created lounge spaces utilizing flexible seating with the [Mobile Soft Seating Stool](#) paired with laptop stands for work flexibility. Square [Frequency X-Base Tables](#) were paired with [soft seating Chairs](#) to facilitate collaboration and student discussion while the [MoorePower® Tower](#) was added so multiple students could charge their electronics at once. Clusters of soft seating filled the lounge areas giving students a space for studying and relaxing in between classes or work sessions with peers.

The redesigned space is a multi-functional media center that meets the diverse needs of a large student body where students enjoy spending time.

"It's incredible to see students taking ownership of their learning space," Wall says. "They understand it's theirs, and that empowers them to use it responsibly and creatively."

The impact extends beyond the physical space, with librarians embracing their new roles

as facilitators of learning and students taking ownership of their educational journey.

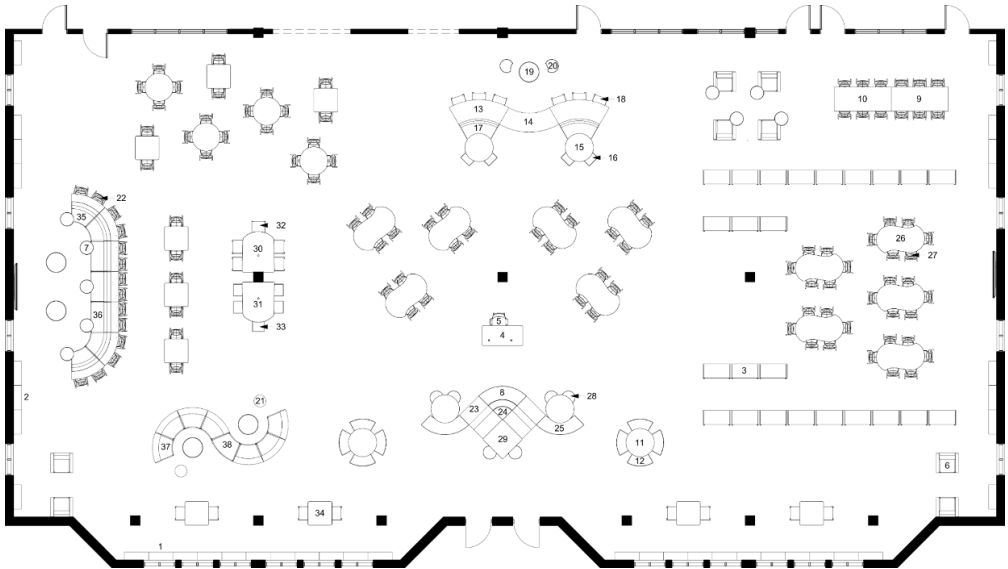
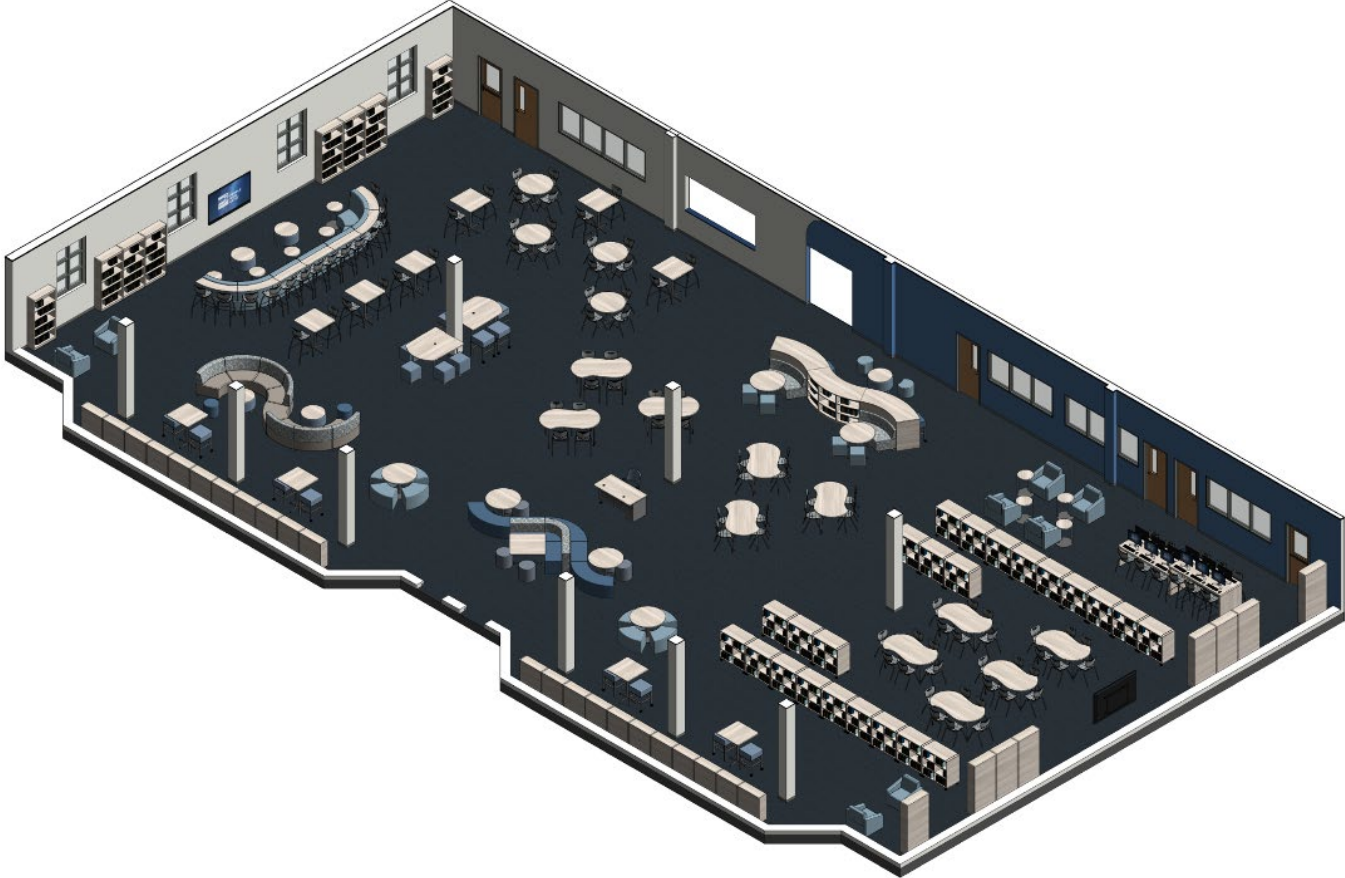
"One of the most significant transformations lies not in the physical space but in the mindset shift. Media specialists, once hesitant to lose the library, are now embracing their new roles as facilitators and guides, creating engaging activities and supporting student-led initiatives."

As we continue to partner with schools across the country, Sebastian River High School serves as a shining example of what is possible when innovative design meets a commitment to student success. We are proud to have played a role in this transformation and look forward to continuing to support educators in creating dynamic learning environments for future generations. ■

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