



Orono High School



Media Center Remodel

- As part of the district's long-range facility plan, the goal of the Media Center remodel was to create flexible learning and collaborative spaces. We have added Blended and Online learning options for students, and this gives students a place to work during these times.
- It is also a great area for students to work on their own, with a partner, or in small or large groups. Students can come to this space during study halls, Spartan Hours, with a teacher, or during those flexible times in their day.
- This is also a space used during the lunch and breakfast periods to increase seating during meals.



Student Perspectives:

Various student groups were involved in the planning process. They helped us determine how students were currently using the spaces, as well as how they would like to use it in the future. Students also helped choose furniture, colors and designs.

In working with student groups before, during, and after the planning and remodel of the space, we found that many students did not feel the previous space was inviting, welcoming, or a place they could/would go if they needed a space to study or collaborate with peers.

After the remodel we heard comments like:

“This feels like a college campus.” “I love working here.” “This is such a comfortable space to work with friends.” “I’d rather eat lunch here than in the cafeteria.”

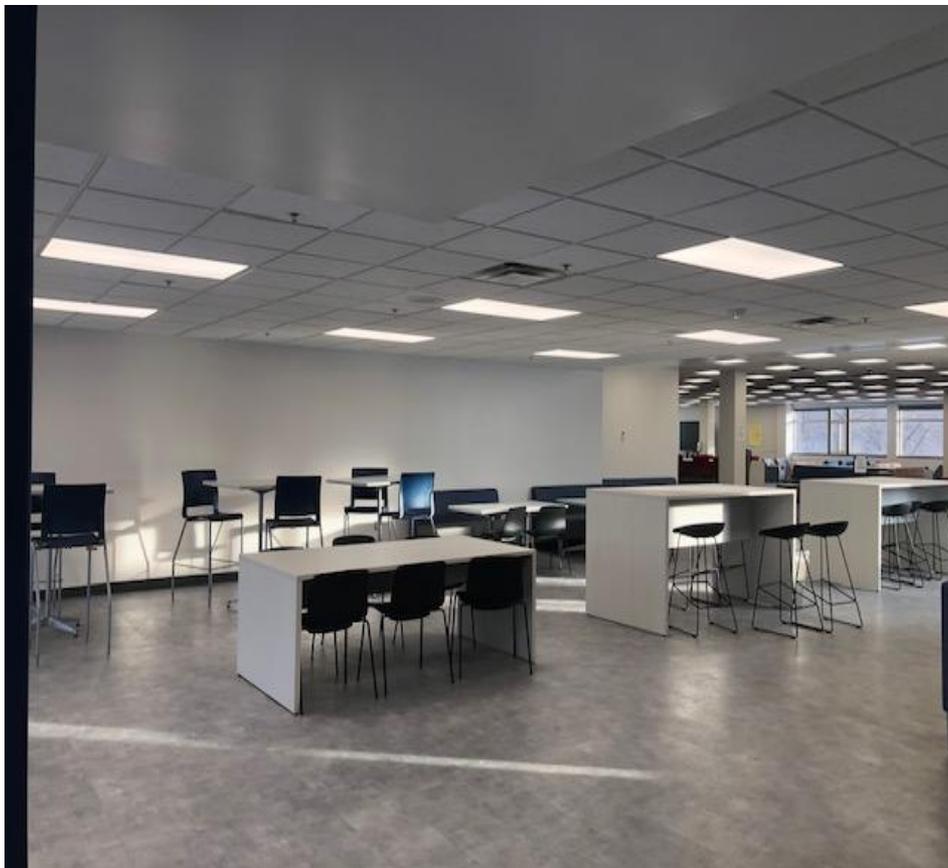


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- By moving the collection into high-density storage, we gained seating and work spaces for students.
- Students are able to browse books in the stacks or electronically.
- There are multiple areas for book/genre highlights, as well as for class projects
- Links to the Media Center website are on the OHS Curriculum and Student Life webpages with links to research tools and style guides, library catalog, and helpful apps and websites.



Orono High School- New Spaces



New area added to Media Center to be used during breakfast and lunches. Our cafeteria space was very full and this allows for students to spread out more, and to take advantage of different types and heights of seating and tables. Students also frequently use this space to study and meet in groups.



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Classroom set up for larger groups, including 1-2 classes a day that are scheduled in this space. Teachers can bring entire classes down, or this space can be used for teacher meetings, staff meetings, as well as community groups outside of the school.



Orono High School- New Spaces



New soft seating area. This allows for study and work for individuals as well as small groups.



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Additional seating options for individuals, small or large groups.

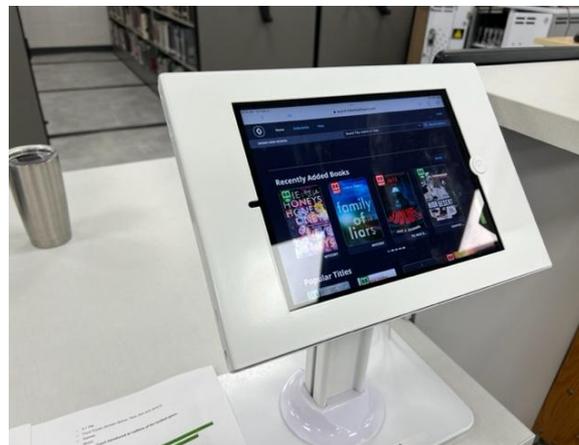


Orono High School- New Spaces



High-density book storage with collection. Students are able to browse the stacks or online.

iPad for checking out and browsing - donated by SPA!



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Various spaces to highlight books for different classes, interests, or events.



Orono High School- Staff Support for Students

Jessica Frie, Media Center Specialist, replacing Mary Bischoff who retired last year.

Adrienne Wikman, Media Center Paraprofessional, replacing Barb Ehalt who retired last year.

Orono High School Media Center Specialist and Paraprofessional staff the Media Center all day, and are always available to help students find what they need!

