

Mt. Pleasant
Library Project
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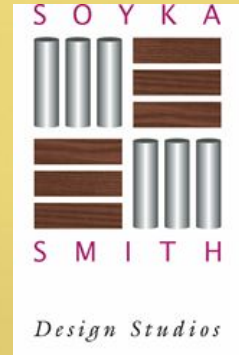
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Soyka-Smith Design Studios

Soyka Smith Design Studios is a furniture consulting and dealership company, **specializing in all aspects of a project** from programming, product analysis, space planning, budget proposals, through procurement and installation of **quality products**.



Vision

To remain an industry leader in product innovation by providing **expertise** in **the planning and selection of library**, educational, corporate and contract **furniture**.

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→ West Orange High School Media Center



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→ Kelly Elementary



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Vision for the LMCs

Future Ready Libraries

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS
THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE



The library is the welcoming heart of the school for students, staff, parents/guardians and the community where they can all come to learn, discover, create, and connect.

“The school library is a unique and essential part of the learning community. It is a destination for on-site and virtual personalized learning.”

American Association of School Libraries

Our Media Specialists Are:



Our Vision

The West Orange Library Media Program
seeks to inspire students to:

- **Ignite Lifelong Learners** who develop a love for reading,
- **Develop Information Literacy Skills** for success in College and Career,
- **Conduct research** with a critical and competent lens to make informed decisions,
- **Curate, and create** through real-world applications,
- **Explore, create, build,** and tinker in our Makerspaces,
- **Discover inner strength** through Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in safe spaces,
- **Solve real-world problems** through interdisciplinary cross-curricular lessons.



Our Vision: The Collection

The West Orange Library Media Program continually updates the collections in both print and digital formats which builds on the concept of windows, sliding glass doors and mirrors.

“Books are sometimes windows, that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of a larger human experience. Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.”

-Rudine Sims Bishop “mother of multicultural literature”



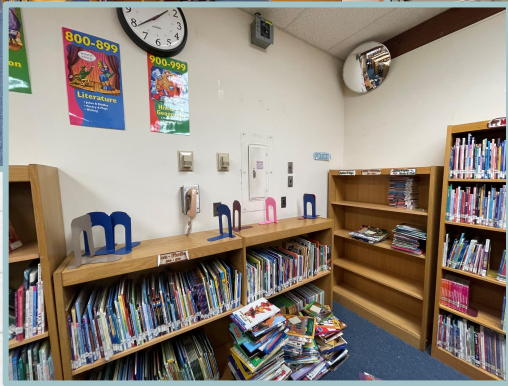
- **Bookcases** could not be reused
 - ◆ There since 1997
 - ◆ Shelves in center were separating due to warping and are held together with metal rods
 - ◆ Bookcases stationary
- **Storage space** is very limited
 - ◆ Room in back of library repurposed
- **Computers** outdated-will reduce number and update.
- **Circulation desk** over 25 years old
 - ◆ Little storage
 - ◆ Awkward location
- **Carpet** over 25 years old and sustained damage
- **Makerspace** needs designated location for students and storage
- **Student lounge** area for relaxed reading missing
- **Tables and chairs** very heavy and difficult to move
- **Collection:**weeding and inventory allows for new additions based on analysis to promote collection vision
- **Smart Board** not mounted and took up a lot of floor space

Brief History of the Library Space

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The Library Space Today ---



Makerspace :

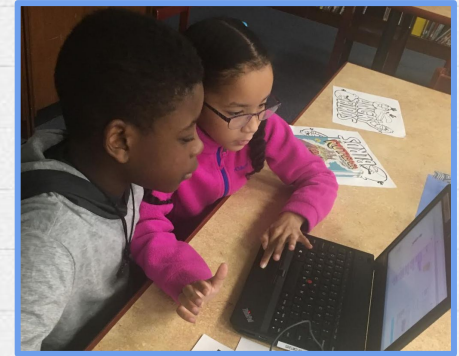
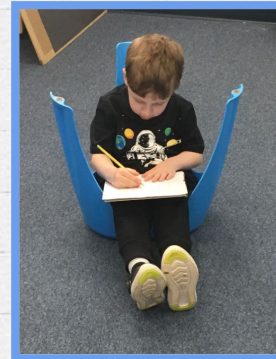
Makerspaces require flexibility, versatility, and storage.
By establishing a designated space for makers, we'll enter a new era of making.



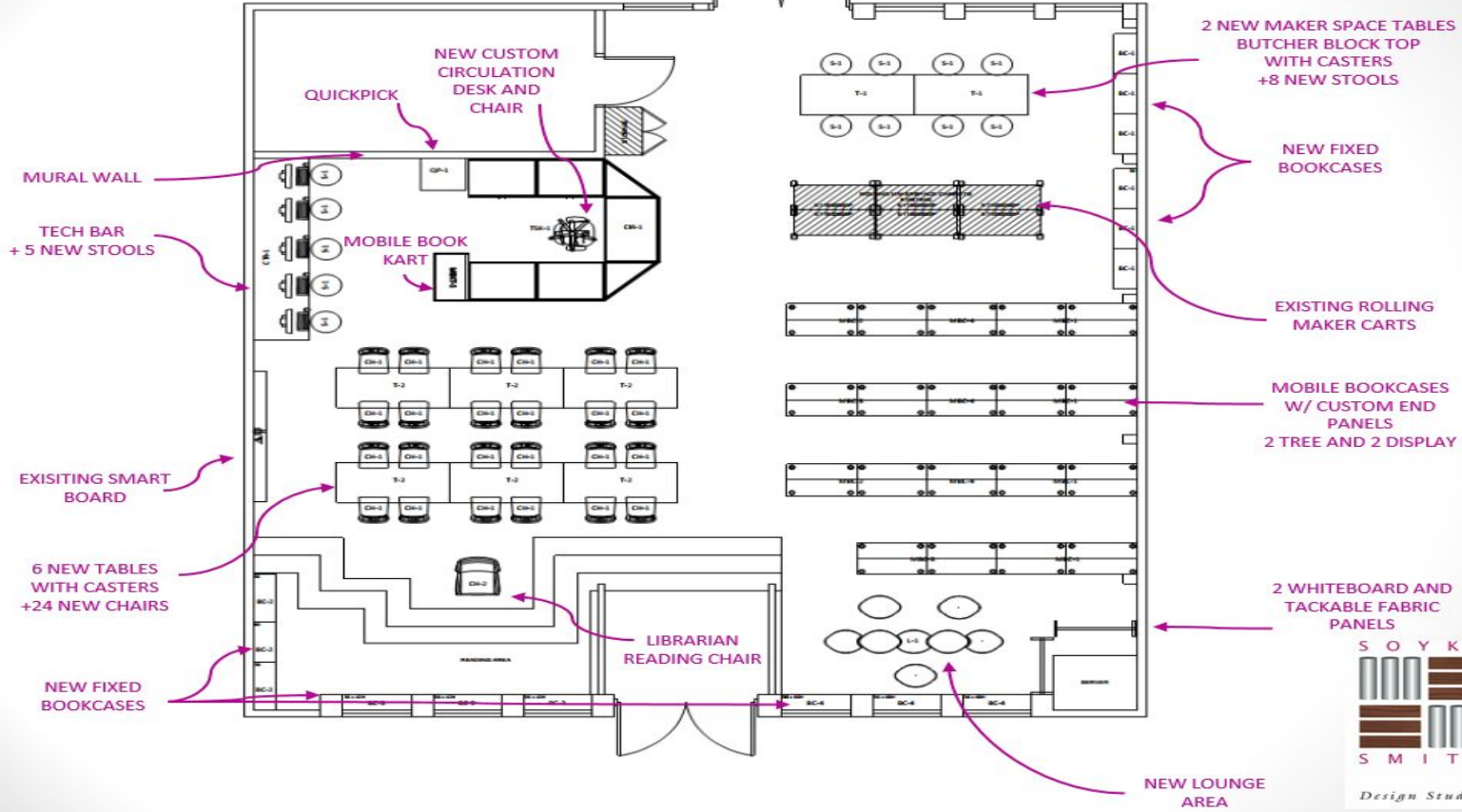
Students will have easy access to materials which fuel creative problem solving, and groups can work on projects over time in a secure environment.

The Library as a Sanctuary:SEL

- **Comfortable and flexible seating**
- **Space** for various purposes
 - ◆ School-wide Events; Global Read Aloud, Author Visits
 - ◆ Meetings, virtual field trips, celebrations, Kindergarten orientations, and....
- **Movable furniture**
 - ◆ Light tables and chairs
 - ◆ Bookcases on wheels
- **More floor space** with mounted smart board
- **Much more storage space** for media specialist
- **Community use** of space



New Furniture Layout



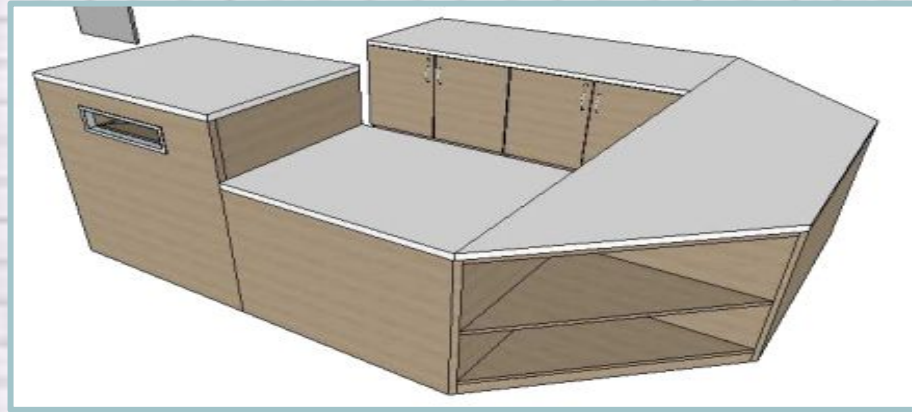
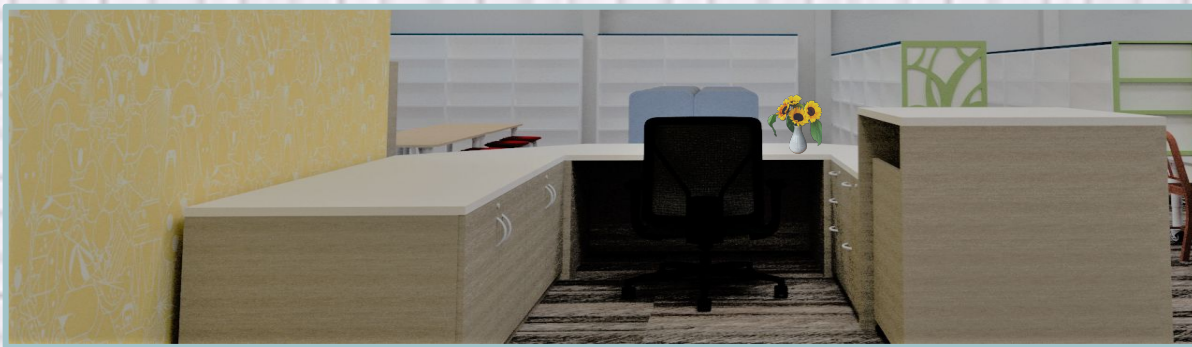
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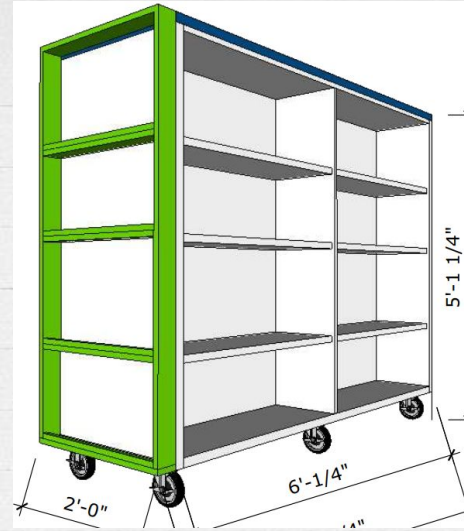


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Welcome to your new library!

Circulation Desk, Mobile Book Truck, & Quick Pick Cart



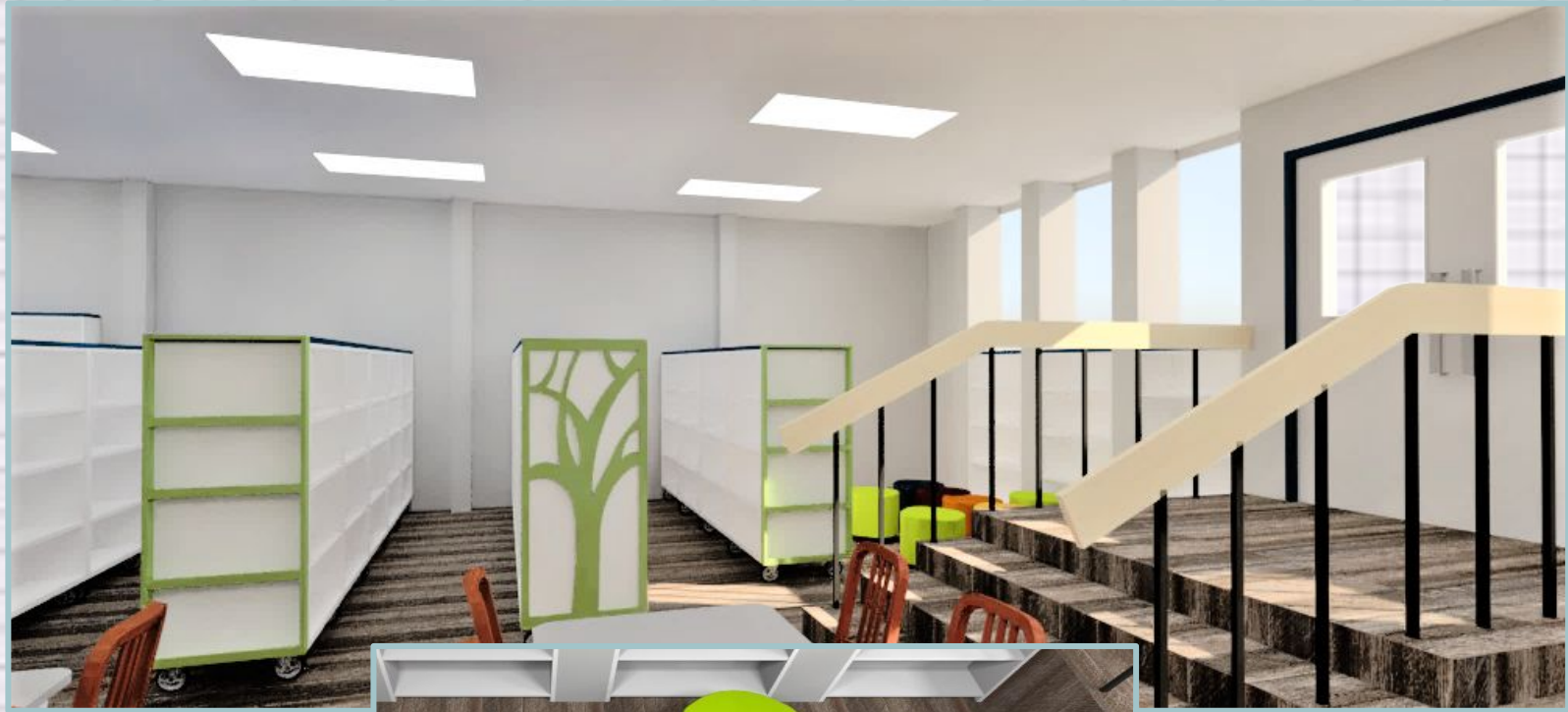


Mobile Bookcases with custom end panels

72" w x 24" d x 60" h - Two-sided on castors



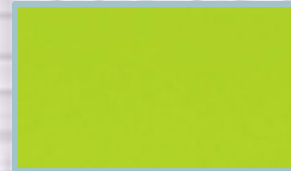
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Lounge Area

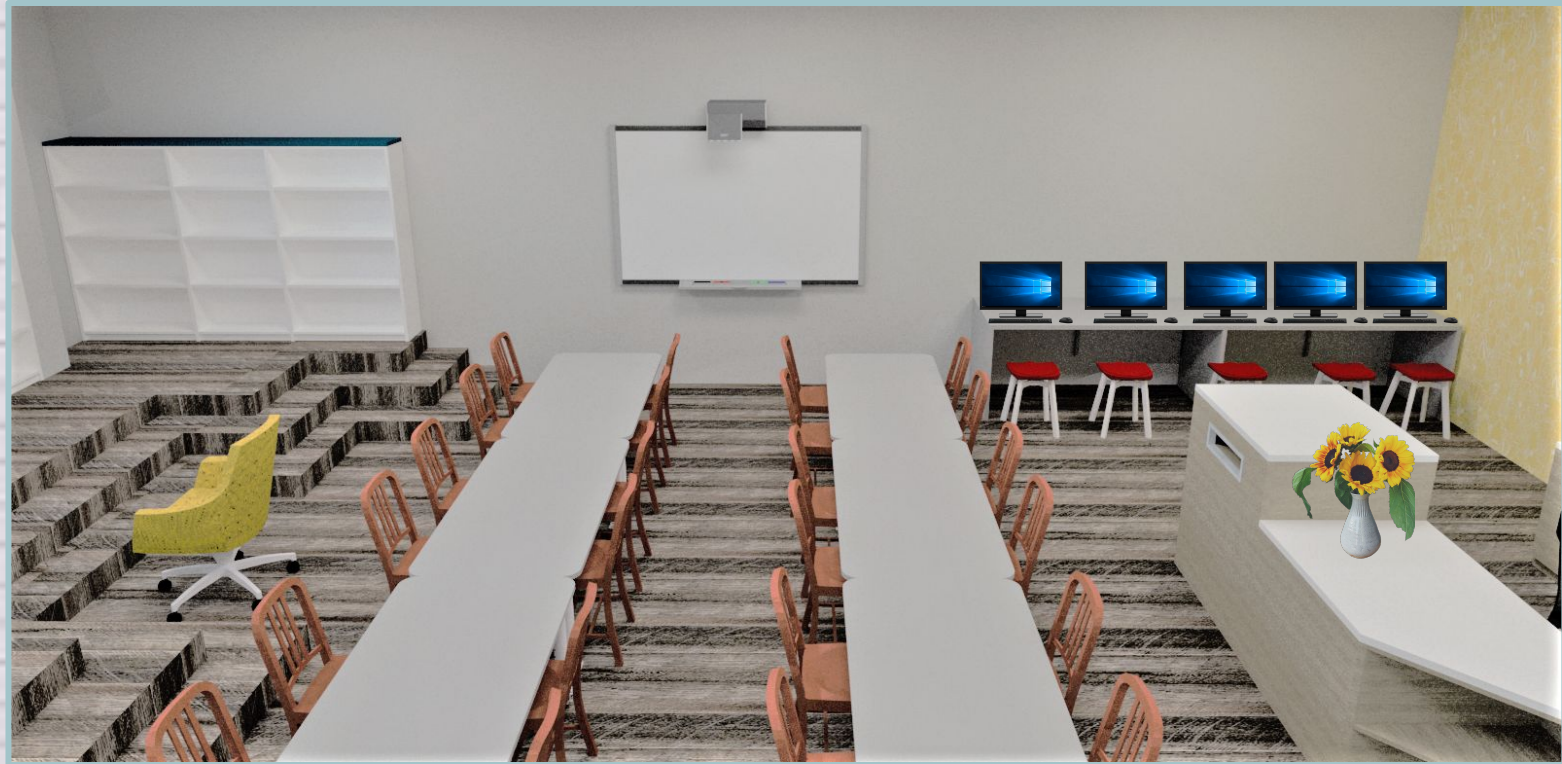


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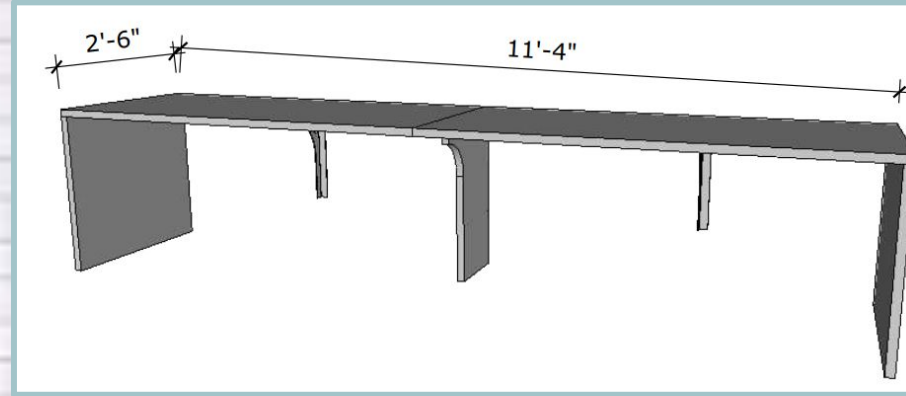
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Tech Bar with laminate top and 5 stools



Bar Laminate
Dove Grey

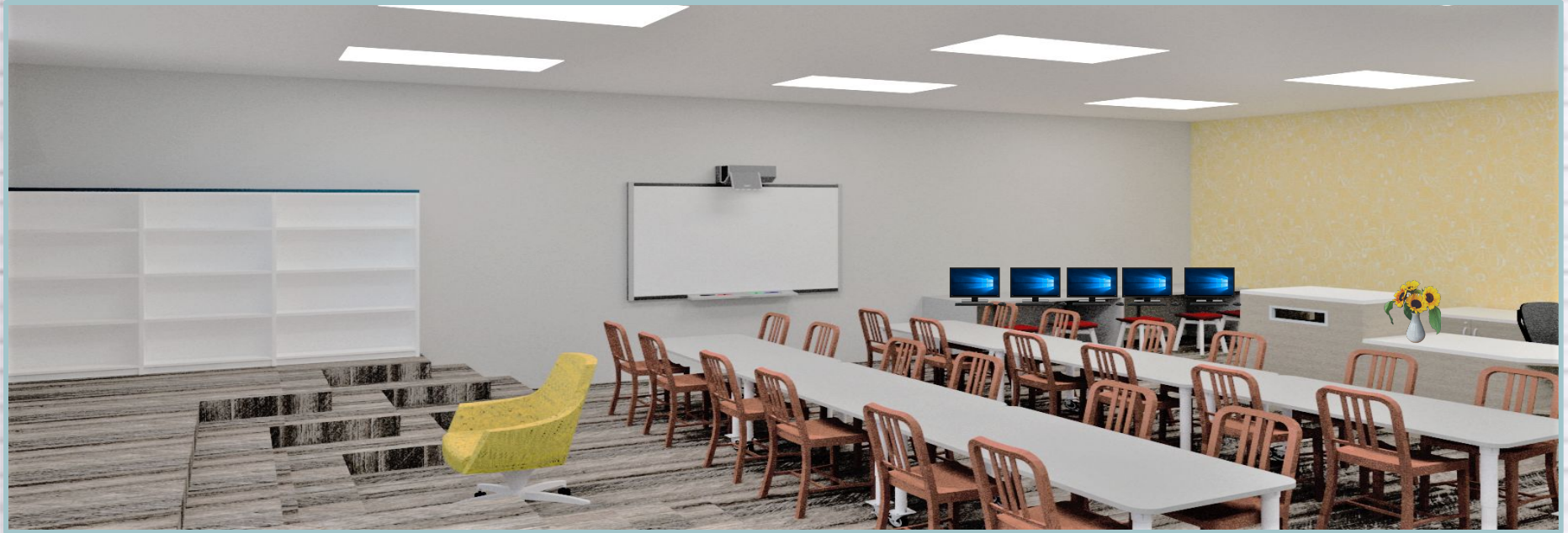


(5) STOOLS
Red seat with silver legs



Kelly School Tech Bar and Stools

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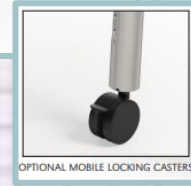
Study tables and chairs



(24) CHAIRS
Green and Orange



TABLE Laminate
Dove Grey



OPTIONAL MOBILE LOCKING CASTERS

(6) STUDY TABLES
W/LAMINATE TOP
*30"X60" Height adjustable
with casters*

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Librarian Reading Chair
Inspiration Image



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Makerspace tables and chairs



(8) STOOLS

Red seat with silver legs



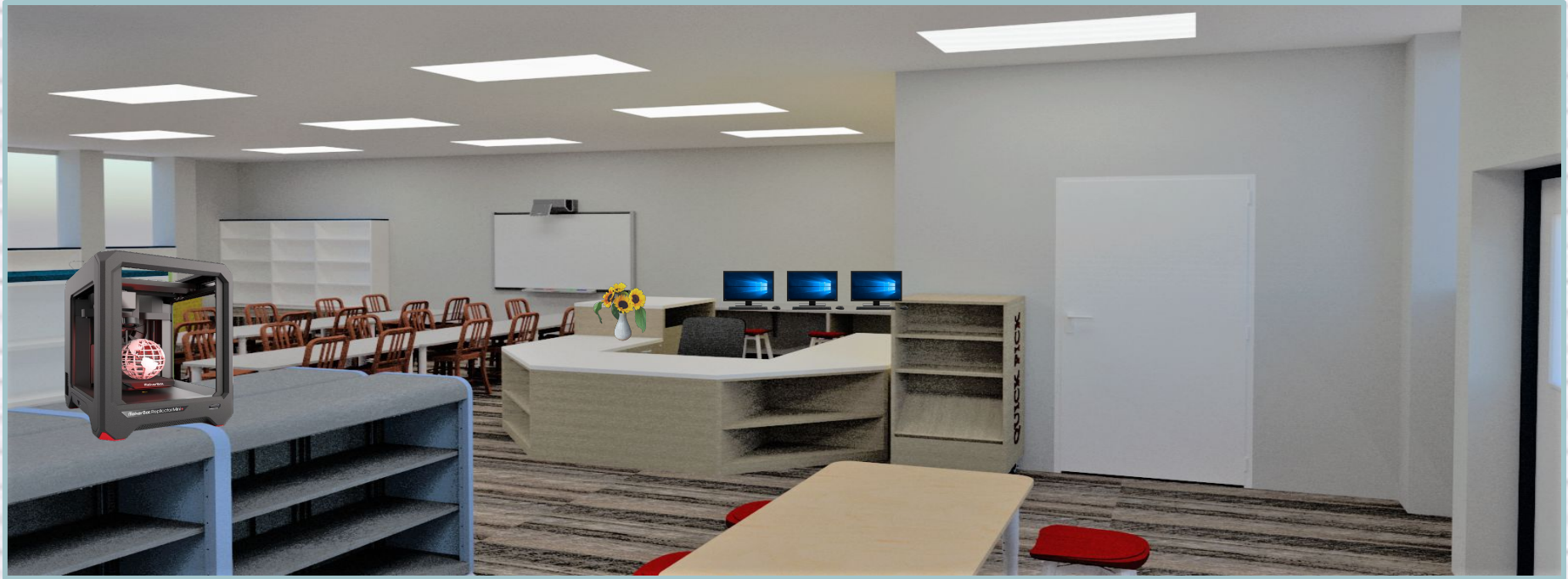
(2) TABLES with Butcher Block Top

30" X 60" on casters

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Floor, Paint, and Wallcovering



Tile with Carpet
on the stairs

SW 7064
Passive
Interior / Exterior
Location Number: 236-C1



Recommended Paint Color
To be painted by Buildings and Ground



Wallcovering
*To be installed by SSDS.
Wallcover Primer to be painted
by Buildings & Ground*



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**We look forward to welcoming you
to our new library!**

Any questions?

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