## Considerations when Setting up the Media Center

| Identify Areas that are Gathering | $\frac{\text { Health and Safety Protocols within }}{\text { Spots }}$ | Media Center Processes, Adapted Center |
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## Identify areas that are gathering spots :

- Strawberry Knoll has their Everybody/Picture book selection at the front of the library and it is arranged with soft upholstered seating, plush animals and a lot of interactive displays to encourage browsing and hanging out and reading. We modified the space by:
- Removing plush animals/toys
- Removing soft seating from main area (or block from use)
- Sectioning off areas that will be used for staff only (see cones in pic below)
- Bag plush toys and remove from floor



## Health and Safety Protocols Within the Library Media Center

Health and Safety reminders were posted throughout the space.
Signage was both school-produced and purchased from MCPS Graphics

## Physical distancing

- Arrange furniture to allow for physical distancing. Blue painters tape was placed on the floor to depict 6 feet distance for when lining up at the door. Tables should have chairs removed to enforce physical distancing (the tables have just one chair),

- Shared manipulatives, like in a makerspace, are covered (or can be removed altogether). Take care to minimize the overall amount of paper used in the entire library media center space so as to not create a fire hazard. (see pic below, shelves with Lego Wall and Lego bricks are covered in yellow paper)



## Sanitizing Wipes / Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizer and/or wipes near entrance/exit door for sanitizing hands and to encourage healthy habits.



## Media Center Processes, Adapted:

## Returned Library Materials

1. The main entrance to the library media center has a book cart to collect returned student materials. (first pic below)
2. Library books will be placed in a location for the recommended quarantine period (3-5 days, no other cleaning is required). Add date to signage. (middle pic below)
3. When the quarantine period has been completed, books can be reshelved or checked out again. (purple cart below)


## Library Book Checkout

- All library book checkouts will be on a "Holds to Go" method. Students and staff place books on hold using the online library catalog (Destiny). Library staff prepares the items and creates a system for distribution and/or pickup. Pictured below, Strawberry Knoll ES library places books in a plastic bin, on a cart for classroom distribution. This cart will be rolled down to classrooms to deliver to students in a "contactless" delivery method.

- Clearly identify materials as to their "status" (newly returned, in quarantine, out of quarantine, or checked out and ready for delivery).

