# Considerations when Setting up the Media Center

Identify Areas that are Gathering
Spots

Health and Safety Protocols within Media Center Media Center Processes, Adapted

# 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).