



Hadley Junior High School Library Media Center renovation

Summer of 2013



Overview

In the summer of 2013, District 41 undertook a complete renovation of the Hadley Junior High Library Media Center (LMC), a space which had not been updated in decades. The result was a transformation into a bright, inviting, interactive and technology-rich space that is the heart of this school of 1200 students.

The project cost \$1.2 million, including design, construction, furnishings and equipment.

The following pictures tell the story of the demolition and re-creation of Hadley's LMC.

Features of interest

Flexible space: Everything is on wheels and can be moved out of the way – even the circulation desk—to accommodate up to 230 adults for professional development activities, public meetings and other large group events.

Small group learning: The reading rooms flanking the main space are great places for groups of 10-15 students to work collaboratively.

Presentation room: This semi-circular space accommodates up to 30, features a large whiteboard and projector, and is in demand by teachers, students and community groups.

Technology: The LMC has hand-held devices that students use to reserve and check out ebooks ... and to post book reviews. Two media labs have Mac technology, one lab has several small sound-deadening editing/rehearsal booths.

Outdoor space: The LMC opens to the Hadley Courtyard, an outdoor learning space renovated in 2011 that features seating, lighting, a small amphitheater and a water habitat.

The LMC prior to renovation



The space was cleared for demolition



Existing LMC offices



The original entrance was off-center and cramped.





Existing computer labs



Library books temporarily removed; collection edited from about 14,000 to 12,000 books.





Existing storage was repurposed

Demolition begins



"Nana wall" support footings



Delivery of Nana wall support beams



Presentation area and circulation soffit





Nana wall and framing for "store front" reading and quiet rooms



Carpet tile installation



New entrance centrally located





The circular design is repeated in the hall outside the LMC entrance, and throughout the school.

Main area (circulation desk is at right)



Presentation room -- Nana wall can open to main area



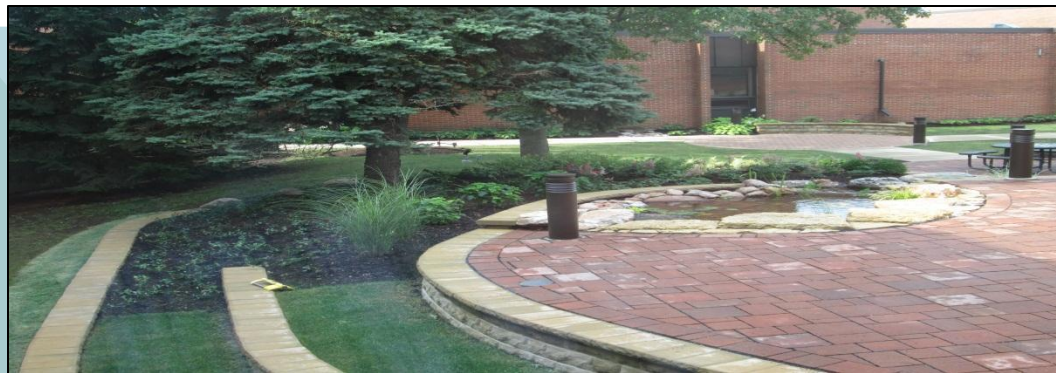
Presentation room



Gathering space (quiet rooms at right)



LMC opens to courtyard for outdoor learning



District 41 thanks the community and the Board of Education for their support of this project, which has added so much to Hadley Junior High School and to the district.



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