



HIGH SCHOOL

## Montville Township High School Media Center Montville, NJ



Montville Township High School's library, untouched since 1972, housed typical stacks, a classroom, and outdated computing areas. The district envisioned a space where the educational needs of students, teachers, and the community are met and encouraged to grow

through exploration, creation, and collaboration.

lectures, and performances.

The Media Center was transformed into a modern learning commons by expanding into adjacent under-utilized areas, embracing flexibility, collaboration, and students' evolving research and social development needs.

Flexible glass classrooms, a performance platform, exterior reading area, and soaring circulation desk redefined the space, bringing research methods and opportunities into the modern world. The space now supports their overall vision and aligns with their "District of Distinction" awarded Humanities Research Program that is designed to engage all students, at all academic levels, and advance higher level thinking skills.

Technology was infused into all aspects of the space, transforming it into a true technological and research hub. The space serves as a prominent venue for artistic exhibitions (hard copy, print, and digital), as well as seminars,

### Remodel/Adaptive Reuse/ Restoration

#### Library/media center

#### SSP Architects

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#### DESIGN TEAM

SSP Architectural Group, Inc., Architect  
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Dealership

#### OWNER/CLIENT

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Montville, NJ  
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#### KEY STATS

Grades Served: 9-12  
Capacity: 1,240 students  
Building Area: 4,630 gsf (renovation area)  
Cost per Student: \$1,303  
Square Foot Cost: \$349  
Project Cost: \$1,616,193  
Completion Date: January 2016

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