



PAULUS MEDIA CENTER

Empowering Learners for Success



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Today's students will graduate into a global economy that demands multiple literacies—where collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, innovation, and creativity are a necessity. In order for Ranney students to master these competencies, a significant commitment must be made to transform the Paulus Library into a state-of-the-art media center, capable of providing the 21st century learning and teaching environment that today's education demands.

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Creating a 21st Century Learning Lab

Libraries become powerful conduits for the acquisition of 21st century skills when teachers and students have access to a variety of tools, resources, and information technologies that can be harnessed throughout instruction to enhance student learning. When teachers and library media specialists collaborate to integrate instruction on accessing, using, and evaluating these resources and tools to produce and share information and ideas, students gain deep knowledge of curricular topics while developing information and digital literacy skills that are critical for success in an age where lifelong learning skills are a necessity.

Renovating the Paulus Library to include a fully equipped multimedia lab will provide Ranney students and teachers with additional opportunities to collaborate and experiment with educational innovations made possible with current and emerging technologies. Library media staff and teachers will be able to facilitate research and discovery using an expanded repertoire of resources and tools all in one place, allowing seamless integration of technology throughout the learning process.

RENOVATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The new multimedia lab will feature 18 iMac workstations, color printers, an interactive whiteboard, a projector, and a full size conference table. Additional multimedia equipment will be available for student and teacher use, including digital cameras, flip cameras, document cameras, and iPads. Students and teachers will benefit from increased access to:

- iLife and Adobe multimedia applications
- Teleconferencing equipment to interact virtually with authors and experts
- Participatory learning and assessment tools using the interactive whiteboard
- A modular conference table for collaborative work and presentations
- Scanners for digitizing student work to create digital portfolios
- Educational iPad apps



With the Paulus Library positioned as the hub of information and communication technologies at Ranney School, students will thrive as accomplished information seekers, users, and producers who are adept at demonstrating and sharing knowledge using an array of digital media and communication competencies.