

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP UNVEIL NEW RAIDER MEDIA CENTER IN COLLABORATION WITH HEART OF AMERICA AND PULL UP FUND**

*A milestone in the district-wide library transformation initiative, the redesigned Raider Media Center introduces a modern, collaborative learning hub for the next generation.*

**Greenbelt, MD (Dec. 10, 2025)** [Heart of America](#) (HOA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming learning spaces for underserved students since 1997, and [Prince George's County Public Schools](#) (PGCPS) in Maryland, today announced the unveiling of the newly transformed Raider Media Center at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The project marks another significant milestone in [HOA's multi-million-dollar, year-long initiative](#) to transform 47 libraries throughout the district.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is a nationally recognized flagship school for academic excellence and achievement. The new Raider Media Center honors the legacy and academic success of the school and its students while introducing a modern, flexible, and inspiring learning environment designed to spark curiosity, collaboration, and innovation.

“Eleanor Roosevelt High School is known for academic excellence and a vibrant school community, and the redesigned Raider Media Center reflects that spirit,” said Jill Hardy Heath, HOA President and CEO. “This transformation blends modern design, flexible tools, and technology that meet the needs of today’s learners. Heart of America is proud to partner with PGCPS to create environments that inspire curiosity, collaboration, and a true love of learning.”

The reimagined Raider Media Center features a comprehensive redesign that blends HOA’s signature community-driven design with a wide range of technology enhancements and flexible learning tools:

- The space now includes more than 50 new soft seating options, flexible training tables, modular circulation desks, stackable chairs, mobile dry-erase boards, mobile workstations, and new storage systems, including bookcases, ottomans, benches, and shelving.
- The new mobile furniture solutions allow teachers and librarians to adapt the room in real time so the space can evolve with curriculum and project needs.
- Technology additions include a mobile charging station, 3D printer and filament, 30 new Chromebooks, and a maker cart.
- Throughout the Raider Media Center, students will find fresh paint, new lighting, wall murals, and inspirational quotes that reflect the school’s history, energy, and academic tradition.

In the week leading up to the unveiling, Eleanor Roosevelt High School students and community volunteers helped bring the transformation to life by assembling furniture, unboxing and reshelving books, installing graphics, organizing materials, and preparing the space for opening day. Their hands-on involvement offered a special opportunity to contribute to their own school’s next chapter — a powerful expression of pride, ownership, and community spirit.

“The new Raider Media Center demonstrates our commitment to creating dynamic, engaging learning spaces that support the whole student. This redesign offers innovative tools, flexible areas for collaboration, and technology that prepares learners for the future,” said Dr. Shawn Joseph, Interim Superintendent of Prince George’s County Public Schools. “We’re grateful to Heart of America and the Eleanor Roosevelt students who helped bring the space to life, making this project especially meaningful.”

The Raider Media Center transformation is part of one of the most significant public-private partnerships in the country dedicated to revitalizing public school libraries. With the unveiling of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, HOA and PGCPs continue their collaborative work to ensure that every learner has access to modern, flexible spaces that empower academic success today and for generations to come.

“The transformed Raider Media Center is everything our students hoped for: bright, welcoming, and designed for the way they learn today. Every element supports creativity and collaboration,” said Tammi Tatro, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Library Media Specialist. “Seeing our students help assemble furniture, unpack books, and prepare the space created such a sense of ownership and excitement. This is more than a renovation. This is a space where students will discover new ideas, connect with each other, and grow.”

The redesign was completed in partnership with Pull Up Fund, the local philanthropic partner funding the larger initiative. Pull Up Fund, based in Prince George’s County, has deep local ties and a history of supporting a variety of educational, youth, and health development initiatives in historically excluded communities.

With the opening of the Raider Media Center, HOA and PGCPs mark another major milestone in their shared mission to reimagine educational spaces and advance equitable access to high-quality learning resources for students throughout the district.

**Learn more in the HOA library transformation initiative [Media Kit](#).**

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### **About Heart of America**

Heart of America is a 501c3 nonprofit that transforms learning spaces and helps bridge resource gaps. Our work focuses on the whole student, knowing that the physical spaces where young people learn are just as important as *what* they are learning. Since 1997, we’ve worked towards education equity by renovating nearly 1,400 spaces in classrooms, libraries, STEAM labs, college/career centers, school gymnasiums, and community centers, and more. We have provided current resources, including over 4.4 million books, and infused over \$14.3 million in technology. <https://www.heartofamerica.org/>

### **About Prince George's County Public Schools**

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPs), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 200 schools and centers, more than 132,854 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPs is nationally recognized for college and career-

readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion. PGPCS's mission is to ensure all students graduate with the skills and knowledge to thrive in a globally competitive world. <https://www.pgcps.org/>

### **About Pull Up Fund**

Pull Up Fund proudly supports the youth of Prince George's County. We are pulling up communities around the county and connecting them with resources to help them thrive. Prior Pull Up Fund grants have supported an array of different issues including increasing access to mental health services, supporting youth development initiatives, and providing resources for individuals returning to the community after incarceration. <https://pullupfund.org/>

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