



Crestview Elementary School's library, filled with soft seating, organized bookshelves, and places for rest, study, and quiet collaboration.

A MooreCo Render to Reality™ Success Story

Waco ISD:

An Elementary Change In Mind

The Waco Independent School District is a wide-reaching area of Central Texas that prides itself on academic excellence. Among middle schools, high schools, and specialized academies, the Waco ISD also incorporates the prominent Crestview Elementary, Lake Air Montessori, Hillcrest Elementary, Bells Hill Elementary, and J.H. Hines Elementary for young students in their most vital educational years. The Waco ISD was looking for design experts who could skillfully undertake a significant update to several multi-purpose libraries across these five elementary schools.

The goal of bringing in new library furniture was to refresh all fifteen elementary libraries across the district, bring the focus of the library back to books and reading, and increase the flexibility of the libraries. The process began with a meeting between the library committee, which was made up of several librarians across the district, where they discussed how the ideal elementary school library should look. They used empathy maps and visioning exercises to truly paint a visual picture of the ideal library. From these committee meetings, Associate Interior

Designer Patricia Runge from O'Connell Robertson created an Elementary School Library Furniture Guide that outlined all the activities that occur in the library and what "posture" the student will be in during the activity. The four postures included: sitting, standing, lounging, and floor. The idea was to cater to every student's unique needs and give them the choice to choose how they want to interact with their library.

Waco ISD likes to work with local vendors, so O'Connell Robertson reached out to furniture dealer Total Office Solutions and connected with Keith Reid to help with the project. Reid is a Waco local, even attending Crestview Elementary, Tennyson Middle School, and Waco High School in his youth. He has a very well-established relationship with the town and the school district. Reid brought Runge to the MooreCo showroom to explore some options, and a deal was struck.

Once the furniture guide was complete, O'Connell Robertson tasked MooreCo to design each library to meet the goals of the guide and the district. Finally, Waco ISD, O'Connell Robertson, and MooreCo

selected finishes that could easily cross between campuses if furniture ever needed to move from one campus to another, further increasing the flexibility of the libraries. Together, they successfully tackled the specific needs of these elementary schools in Waco ISD.

■ Crestview Elementary

Crestview Elementary was designed with specific focus areas where elementary students can read, research, study, and lounge. [Schoolworks curved mobile bookcases](#) snake their way around secluded study and reading areas by way of [Hierarchy Activity Tables](#) and [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs](#), closely flanked by [Elevate Steps](#) tiered soft seating and [Dot Rocking Stools](#). [Compass storage cabinets](#) are conveniently placed where students can quickly access them, transforming this library into an epicenter for research tools and technology. [Trios Flip Top T-Leg Tables](#) with casters are paired with [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs](#) in rows while [Compass Makerspace Tables](#) allow students to put their nose to the grind and learn by doing.

■ Lake Air Montessori

The Lake Air Montessori library is a long, open room, full of potential, making it easy to configure into a spacious study area with [Array bookcases](#), [Schoolworks bookcases](#), and a custom single-sided book cart. Curved and rectangular [Variable Height Ottomans](#) fit easily together and pair well with other soft seating to create comfy refuges that are perfect for reading. The students at Lake Air Montessori can fully enjoy lounging on [Blossom Petals](#) and [Dot Stools](#), and take to the [Trios Tables](#) paired with [Hierarchy 4-Leg Chairs](#) when they're ready to dive into their studies. Fully equipped with [Compass storage](#), [lapboards](#), [Hierarchy Activity Tables](#), and a custom circulation desk, Lake Air Montessori encourages young elementary students to pursue academic interests, leading the library toward a modern future that inevitably centers on technology.

■ Hillcrest Elementary

A custom circulation desk greets those who enter the library at Hillcrest Elementary now, comfortably equipped with storage space, a swiveling [Hierarchy 5-Star Chair](#), and a [Grow Stool](#) for students who need help and want to pull up a chair. [Hierarchy Grow & Roll Mobile Glass Boards](#) are available for students who need visual stimulation, conveniently placed near rows of [Trios Flip Top Tables](#) and [Hierarchy chairs](#) and a couple of [Compass storage](#) areas to keep

all necessary tools within reach. Curved [Schoolworks bookcases](#) create a secluded area of the library, where Hillcrest students can gather on comfortable [Beanies](#) and [Dots](#) (stored in handy [Dot Carts](#) when not in use) for story time. [Hierarchy Boomerang Desks](#) create the perfect technology stations, where students can log on and explore new opportunities for online research.

■ Bells Hill Elementary

Bells Hill Elementary has a large library surrounded by windows with naturally embedded biophilic design. That made it easy to outfit the central area with calming soft seating and focus areas where elementary students can read, research, study, and lounge at their leisure. [Schoolworks bookcases](#) line the walls near beanbag [Fava Lounge Chairs](#) and [Dot Rocking Stools](#), so students can grab a book and settle in and use the rocking motions to expend extra energy to increase focus. [Compass storage](#) makes this library a hub for research tools and technology, easily stored away for a clean look and quick access. [Trios Flip Top Tables](#) with casters are paired with [Hierarchy chairs](#) in rows, giving students plenty of room to collaborate on group projects or spread out their study tools.

■ J.H. Hines Elementary

The library at J.H. Hines is a gorgeous space with plenty of windows that pour in natural light to support biophilic design. A study at [Metropolis](#) acknowledges that "our species has evolved for more than 99% of its history in adaptive response to the natural world and not to human created or artificial forces," which is why natural light is an increasingly important aspect of any design. The students at J.H. Hines Elementary can fully enjoy that bright library space on curved [Elevate Wind](#) soft seating and [Dot Stools](#), expertly placed near the windows. Curved [Schoolworks bookcases](#) wind their way through the library, providing quiet study and reading space by way of [Hierarchy Activity Tables](#) and stools. [Porcelain Steel Hierarchy Shapes Desks](#) complete the picture, paired with [Hierarchy chairs](#) for students who need desktop space to complete their assignments. ■

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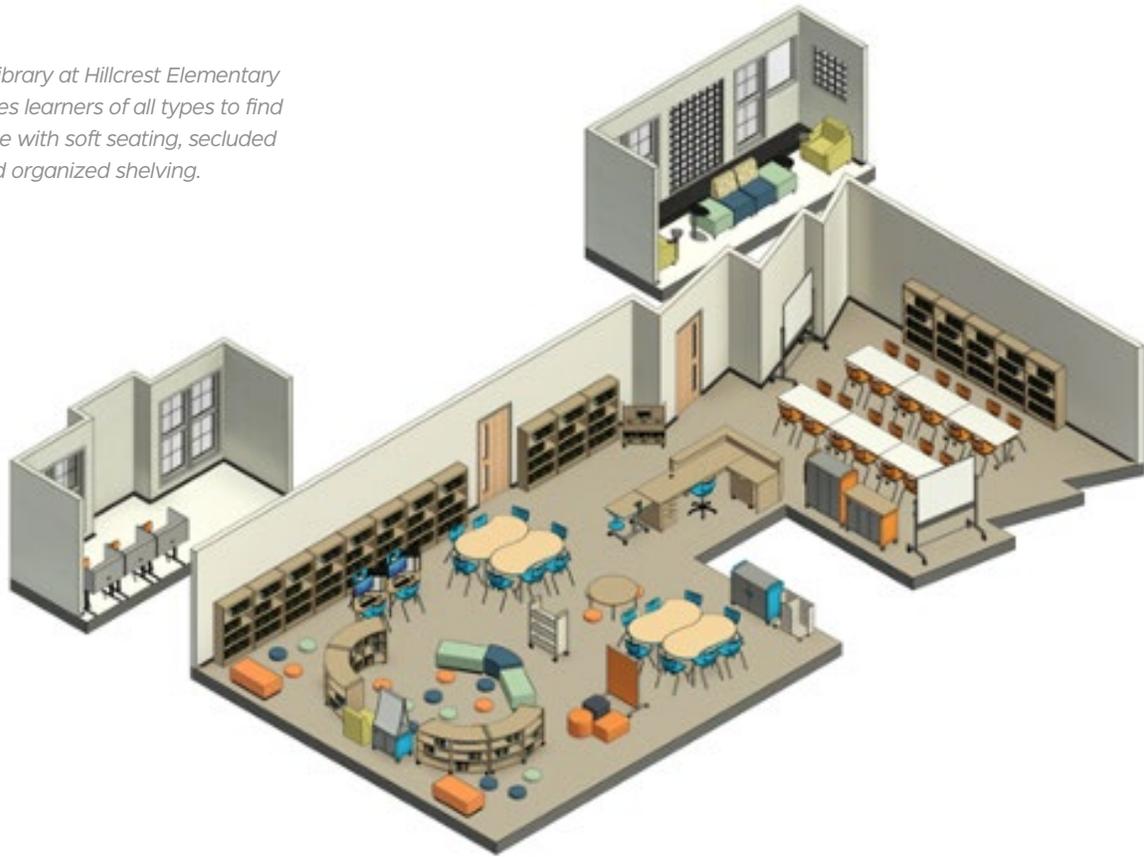


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The new library at Hillcrest Elementary encourages learners of all types to find their space with soft seating, secluded areas, and organized shelving.



Bells Hill Elementary library was outfitted with calming soft seating and focus areas where elementary students can read, research, study, and lounge at their leisure.





The students at J.H. Hines Elementary can fully enjoy a bright library space with ample soft seating and study areas to take advantage of natural light.

