

BOOKS TO GO

Free Books

Read them, keep them, pass them on!

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A community service project of the
Northwest Regional Library System

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WHY THIS PROJECT ?

- ▶ Create more awareness of the Library- Outreach
- ▶ Get books into the hands of those who may not be able to visit
- ▶ Provide a home for the surplus of nice books acquired through weeding and donations

NWRLS objective 4.2: Expand Library services to locations far from physical library facilities.

- ▶ Aware of similar project? [Little Free Library](#)
- ▶ This project differs in that:
- ▶ Our goal is to get these books into the hands of others- no need to swap, they are “Books to Go”
- ▶ Books are marked so recipients know where the books come from and offer additional information on services available at the library
- ▶ Seeking rural sites- bus stop, park/Fire Department, convenience store- providing access to books for those who may find it difficult to visit the library
- ▶ Some sites are indoors- utilizing shelves rather than boxes
 - ▶ An assisted living center, a hospital, a day care center, a tutoring center and prisons



LEARNING PROCESS



Develop a plan

Obtain support: Administration & Staff, Friends group

Reach out:

- Media: FB, Newspaper
- Patrons: signs in library
- Public: Farmer's Market

Begin to implement:

- Collect boxes
- Design bookmarks
- Create data chart to track progress: sponsors, sites, builders

Receive feedback & suggestions:

- Add stickers to books
- Placement of boxes for library awareness- Post Office
- Design sticker for boxes- provides unified signature
- Addition of comment/business card for feedback

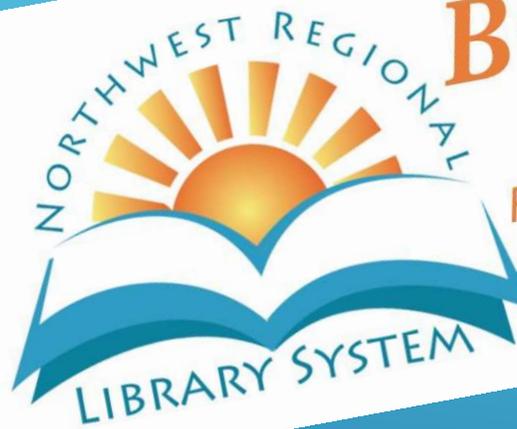
Maintain momentum: right now, I have more potential sites than boxes ready to place



CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

UNFORESEEN COMPLICATION





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CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT:

12 SITES UP AND RUNNING

OVER 1200 BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

EXPANDED INTO LIBERTY COUNTY/

INTEREST IN BAY COUNTY

