

## Project Reflection:

After getting in touch with Melinda from the Ripon Memorial Library, and Morty filling out the facility request for the RHS library hallway, all that was left for us to be fully prepared for the book drive was creating our donation box. We saved a cardboard box one of us got at home, covered it in craft paper, cut a little hole for the books, and decorated it with markers. We didn't end up making our book drive mandatory for those in Leadership as we didn't want to force them into it, and would rather see them participate because they wanted to. Unfortunately, this does mean that when the week was over, we didn't get as many books as we would've liked to, but any is better than none. Because we didn't make the donations mandatory, and also knew we wouldn't be able to explain the personal note idea at all hours of the day, we scrapped that part of the project and just held a basic book drive.

When the week for donations rolled around, the weather was not very agreeable, and we thought it might make more sense to only donate the books to the library instead of trying to hold a lunch activity the next week. Because of this, we only put the library as a beneficiary on social media. On the very first day, the box was destroyed and dragged across the ground. This weather continued throughout the week, and we quickly determined that we didn't have enough books to hold the lunch activity. Because of this, we fully decided to donate our books to the library's book sale. By the end of the week, we took the book donation box home and saw that we had enough to fill a whole book bag. At this point, we had everything we needed, and just had to drop off the book collection. Unfortunately, with both of us getting periodically sick, and our schedules not lining up, we didn't get the chance to drop off the books together for several more weeks. Eventually though, we were both healthy and free, and were able to drop off the books at the library. We had the chance to talk to Melinda, and she gladly took the books off of our hands!