A Library-Bariatric Surgery Collaboration to Provide Reliable Consumer Health Information

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Achievements
+ Steady book circulation in the last 6 months
+ Reading list and library info in pre-op booklet
+ Expansion to Aurora Sinai Medical Center

Challenges
- Return of books to library
- Funding for additional books
- Patient visits when librarian is away

May 2018
- Met with bariatric surgery PA to discuss library services and potential partnership

June 2018
- Created recommended reading list for patient newsletter
- Attended support group meeting to promote library
- Purchased 6 books and borrowed 5 from other Aurora Libraries

Sept 2018
- Purchased 2 additional cookbooks due to popularity

June 2019
- Updated reading list with library information added to patient pre-operative booklet
- Created patient flyer with AMCG library information and list of available books

Sept 2019
- Attended bariatric program staff meeting to give update on partnership and discuss future funding

Circulation, June 2018-Sept 2019

Type of Book Borrowed
- Cookbooks/food: 71%
- Surgery info/coping: 29%