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• Serves 700 students and health care professionals from neighboring hospital
• Library has about 800 books, many of which are outdated or in poor condition
• Worked with the charity African Library Project to coordinate book drive and arrange shipping to Malawi
BOOK COLLECTING

- Collected books for 10 weeks (Feb – Apr 2017)
- Focused on primary care & nursing
- Published in last 5-10 years
- Excluded books not meeting criteria due to weight limitations
PACKING & SHIPPING

- Sent 413 books total
- 2 pallets, combined weight of 1455 pounds
- Shipped via FedEx Freight