ELDE’S LITTLE ELVES: GO TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

“The more that you read, the more things that you know, the more that you learn, the more places you go” - Dr. Seuss

Reflection

- rediscovered the joys of reading, storytelling, and the amount of imagination and creativity used for reading
- organizational skills
- have greater appreciation for public libraries
- realized another issue that went hand in hand with our project: smaller communities in need of better resources

Importance of Reading

- Twenty-six percent of children who were read to three or four times in the last week by a family member recognized all letters of the alphabet. This is compared to 14 percent of children who were read to less frequently (NEA, 2009).
- Less than half of families read to their kindergarten-age children on a daily basis (West et al., 2000)

Organization

- Organization: Hennepin County Library
- Where: Southeast Library in Dinkytown
- What they do: They are committed to promoting lifelong learning of all ages while also eliminating barriers that make it difficult for people with disabilities to use library services

Accomplishments

- Fixed miscellaneous items
- Read children’s books for story time
- Create a puppet show
- Shelving books and DVDs
- Sorting through old/damaged materials
- Assorted cleaning tasks

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