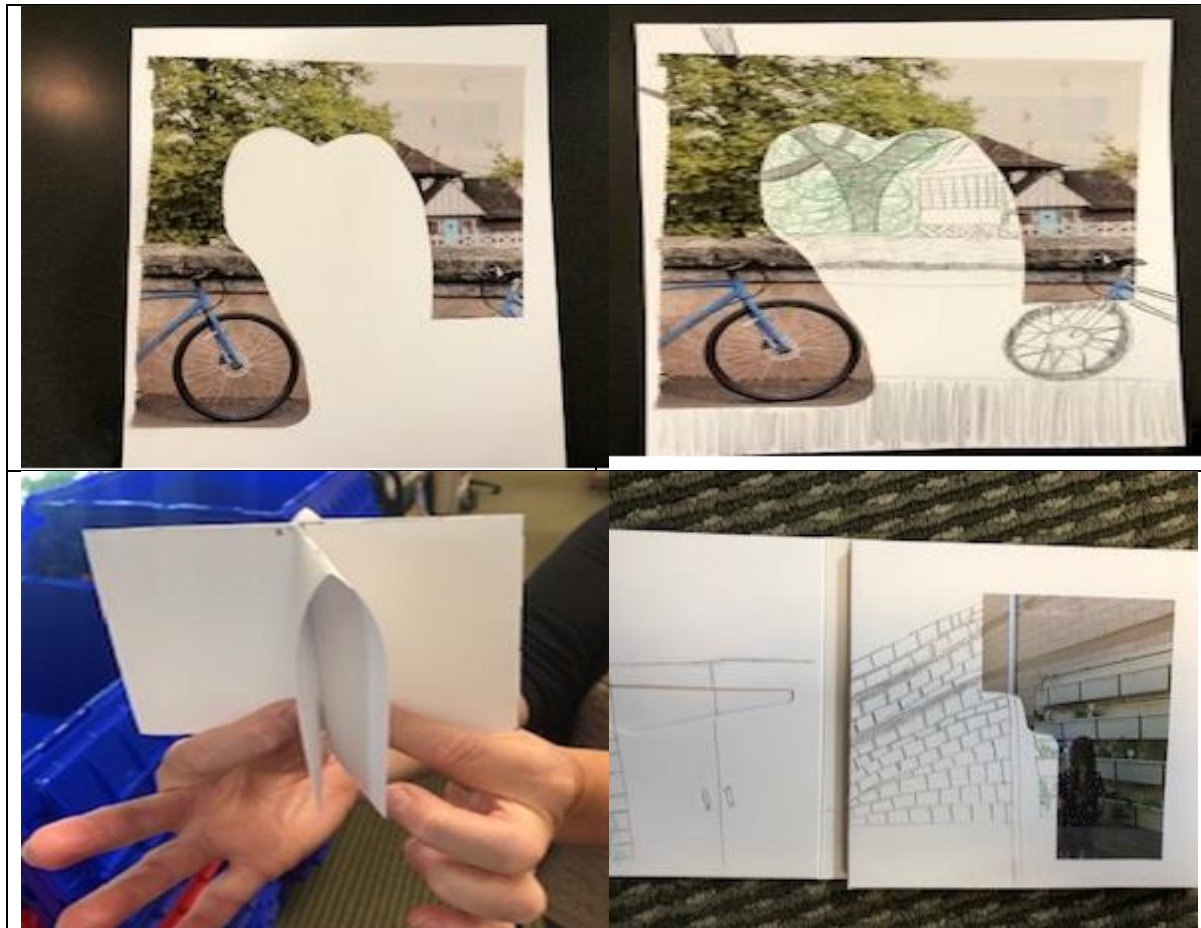


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. As you spend the last of your summer days walking around your community, you have many opportunities to see art in a new way. Have you heard of "Urban sketching" artists? Well, "urban" means a town or city and sketching is simply drawing a picture. This week we are going to try our hand at Urban Sketching. You may not believe yourself a true artist, but you are going to practice with a technique called "composite art". We have done this in artCart before, so it will not be new. We can use it in a new way to practice drawing circles, lines, and reproduce many other shapes and designs we see all around us.



1-Pick a picture from a magazine, cereal box, or even one you have around the house, of something that happens in a city or town. Cut the picture in half or multiple pieces. Now glue, tape, or staple a piece of the picture to the paper.

2- Use a pencil to make a sketch of what the rest of the picture would look like. Hint: You can add the rest of the picture you have cut off to another picture or make up something new. You can make a sketch book by folding your paper in half length-wise and then folding this in half.

3-Take a walk around the neighborhood and sketch something you see, starting with simple lines or shapes. Later, you can add some coloring with the side of a crayon or colored pencil, to make the picture cartoon-like. You are now an Urban Sketch Artist!

Be well and happy-exploring possibility!

Ms. Susan