This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Did you ever wonder how someone writes a book or how a magazine is developed? For this week’s project, you will get a view into the process by making your own “zine”. What is a zine? A zine (pronounced zeen) is your very own, small publication, created by cutting and gluing pictures, words, or artwork into a booklet. Do not worry, this activity is for all ages. It could be mini-comics, pictures, drawings, recipes, poetry, shapes with words added, your feelings or a diary of daily events of your life. Let’s get started with your story!

1- Start with a piece of paper folded in half the long way. Then fold the paper in half the short way. Open it up and fold each side into the middle of the paper, to create eight even parts.

2- With the paper folded in half cut in towards the center, on the middle fold line only to the length-wise fold. Grabbing one flap in each hand, fold the paper in half again bringing both sides together to make four equal flaps. Fold and crease each flap at the center line to make a booklet. Color, draw, or add a title and date to the front-cover page.

3- There are so many ideas to try. I named my first edition, SuZine, for part of my first name and the word zine. Maybe you would like Shorewood News, your family name, or LibraZine—a zine about library books!

4- Use the inside pages to share your art, your thoughts, ideas, or just have fun adding pictures in crazy patterns. Maybe some stickers, or glitter would make the page more fun. You can write something you are thinking about or even what you did for the day with pictures and words. Basically, what you include in your zine is only limited by your imagination.

Be Well and Happy-Zine! -Ms. Susan