This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I know that being "safe at home" is not always easy. Sometimes, it can even be very frustrating. It is hard not to be able to go to fun places (like the library) or see your friends. So, this week, you can do some monkeyin" around and create your very own ArtCart monkey. This monkey will be your friend and listen along while you enjoy a good book. Get silly and go wild with creative ideas to dress your monkey up or hang 'em on a stick. Don't forget to give your monkey a fun name. Meet my monkey, her name is- "Love Monkey".

1-Pull out a brown grocery bag. Then look around the house for items you can trace to make circles and long arms, legs, and a tail for your monkey. You will need one small circle for the head and a bigger circle for the body. I used a spatula to trace two legs, two arms, and a long tail. Then you will need a heart shape, an oval shape for the month, and two smaller circles for the ears.

2- Cut out all the pieces, and add two eyes to the heart. Then draw a month and nose lines on the oval shape. Put the heart shape on the head circle so you can see the eyes. You can glue the pieces together or use a stapler. Attach the head to the body, the ears to the head, the arms, legs, and tail to the body.

3- Want to go bananas with a good book? Check out these silly monkey books and pick up at the library, curbside. *Monkey: not ready for bedtime* by Marc Tolon Brown, *Spunky little monkey* by Bill Martin, *Monkey and me* by Emily Gravett, *Little monkey says good night* by Ann Whitford Paul, or many others.

Have fun, be well! Ms. Susan