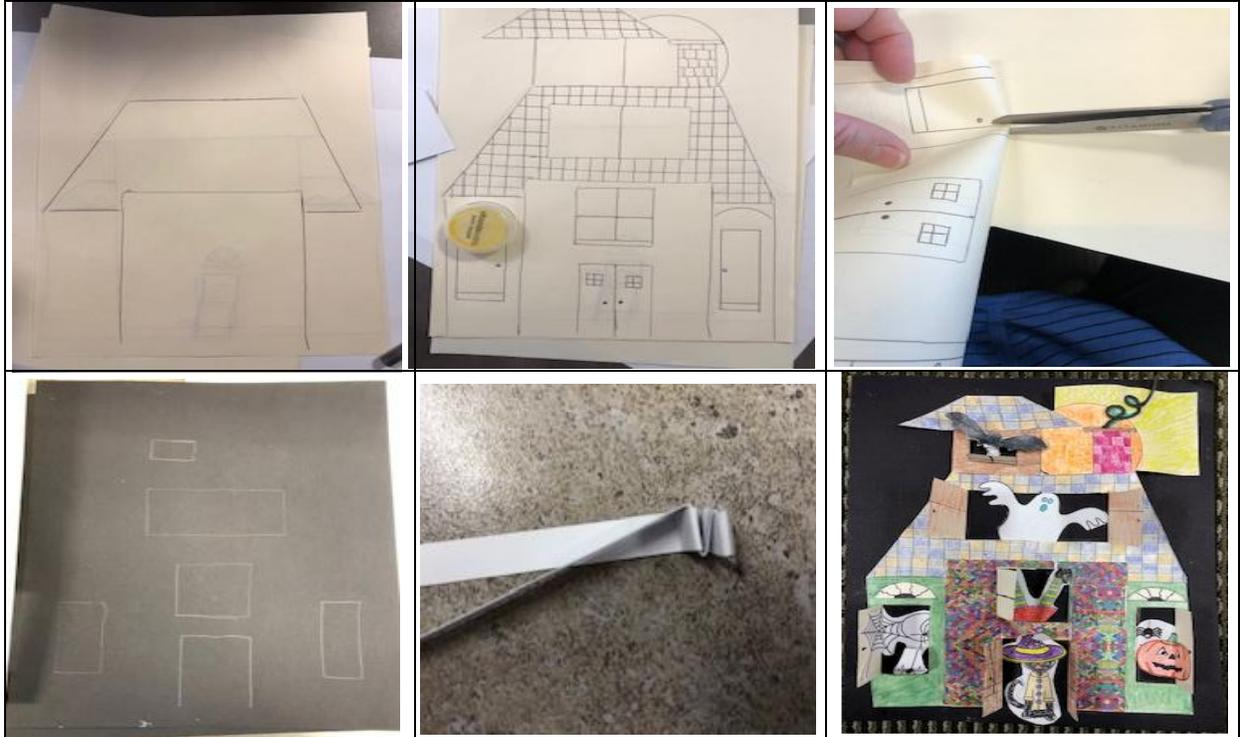


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. I know everyone has a story. It will be so much fun hearing the story that you tell about your haunted house and all the Halloween happenings that go on there. You can fill your house with silly ghosts that say "who" rather than "boo". Or you can have pink bats that meow and orange cats that wear pajamas. There are always happy shenanigans that go on in a house filled with so much imagination. Let's get started with your Halloween story!



1-Start by drawing a rectangle on the lower half of the paper. Now add more lines, rectangles, squares, or triangles to make a second floor or roof on the house. You can add windows, doors, a chimney, or even tiles, bricks and a big green moon. Use different tools to make circles over the windows or other fun shapes.

2- Cut open the windows and doors on your house, so you can add surprises behind. It may be easier to cut, if you fold the paper at the middle of the window or door and cut a slice. You can draw lines where the windows and doors are on another piece of paper. A black background or another color can be fun.

3- What kind of things do you want to hide behind the windows? Anything to make your story spooky, silly or just a Halloween happening place to hang. It can be pumpkins, bats, cats, ghosts, witches or spiders. Color the house with wild colors and designs. Use old holiday cards, stickers, or pictures with designs for the background of the house. Now glue, tape or staple the house to the background page, just around the edges. Don't glue your windows or doors shut! You can make springs, so your pictures pop out of the window, by folding two strips of paper over each other in a "L" shape. It is time to tell your story-you can write it down and attach it to the back of the picture. "Once upon a haunted Halloween, there was a wild and crazy witch, that lost her hat and had a pet bat, ..."

**Be well and beware of haunted happenings!**

*Ms. Susan*