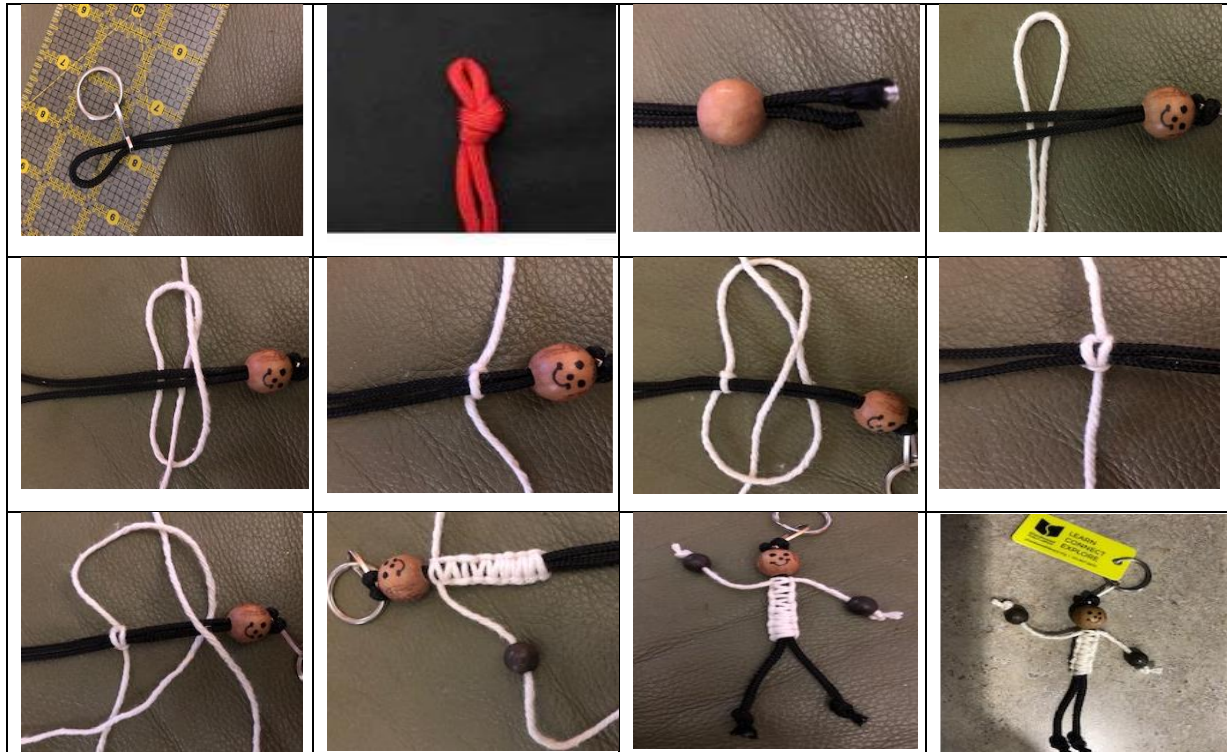


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. We all know how great it is to have a buddy in our life. Someone to go with us to school, for a walk, or even to the library. So this week, we are going to make our very own library Buddy on a keychain. Your Buddy can go along to pick out your summer reading books at the library. Your Buddy can carry your library card, too! Or you can tie your Buddy to your backpack, lunch bag, or a zipper. Your new Buddy will always be right there for you! No tickling your Buddy's feet though!



1- Take one length of string or cord (approx. 12 in.) and fold it in half. If you are attaching your buddy to a keychain, put the loop through the ring. Bring both the ends back through the loop and pull tight. Place both of the long ends through a bead. This is your keychain buddy's head. Use a permanent marker to give your buddy a face. If you are only making a buddy without the key ring, tie a knot on the end, leaving a loop for the head. Now take a second piece of string, cording, or yarn (double the first length), fold in half and place **under** the first section of cord about 2 in. from the head. Grab the string on the bottom left, put it **under** the right string, **over** the body, and inside the loop. Pull the two ends, to tighten the knot around the body. Make a loop by placing the bottom string **under** the body, leaving a loop. Place the top string, **under** this string, **over** the body, and inside the loop. Looks like a pretzel! Pull the two ends tight around the body. Repeat this pretzel pattern about eight or nine times, until you get to the top near the head. Start with the opposite string each time you make a pretzel knot.

2- Place a bead on each end of these strings. Push the bead up until about the middle of the body. Tie a few knots to secure the bead and cut off any remaining string. If you are not using beads, just tie the few knots in the same place. Now, tie knots on the two bottom body strings for the feet. Add your library card on the keychain and you are ready to roll with your little Buddy! Make a few to share with your other buddies.

Enjoy some giggles and books with your Library Buddy!

Ms. Susan