This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. While many trees, grass and plants are turning green for spring, there is something else green that we don’t see too often. Frogs are found both in the water and on land. A group of frogs is called an army and they often hang together for survival. These amphibians drink water through their skin from a patch on their belly. Frogs are found all over the world except for Antarctica. Why do you think that is? They move by jumping and climbing, and can leap 20 times the height of their body. This are all interesting facts about frogs but let’s get hopping and make some of our own to jump, skip, and race.

1-Take one bottom corner of a piece of paper and fold it up until it meets the long side. Cut off the excess paper on the top. Fold the opposite two corners together and when you open the paper up you should have an “X”. Fold the paper in half length-wise. Fold BOTH sides into the center until they meet in the middle. Fold the bottom two corners up to meet the top point. Fold each of the flaps in to meet in the middle. Flip the whole frog over to the other side and fold each corner into the middle. The points will hang over the bottom line. Fold each of these flaps to the outside. Flip the frog over again.

2-Make two lines across the back, bottom of the frog body. Fold the top of the frog forward on the top line and fold the whole body up on the bottom line. Give the frog some eyes and spots. You are ready to do some frog jumping and hopping. Make a few frogs with friends and see whose frog can jump the farthest. Use chalk to make a lily pad and give points for the frog that gets closest to the center. So much hopportunity!

Don’t worry, be hoppy!

Ms. Susan