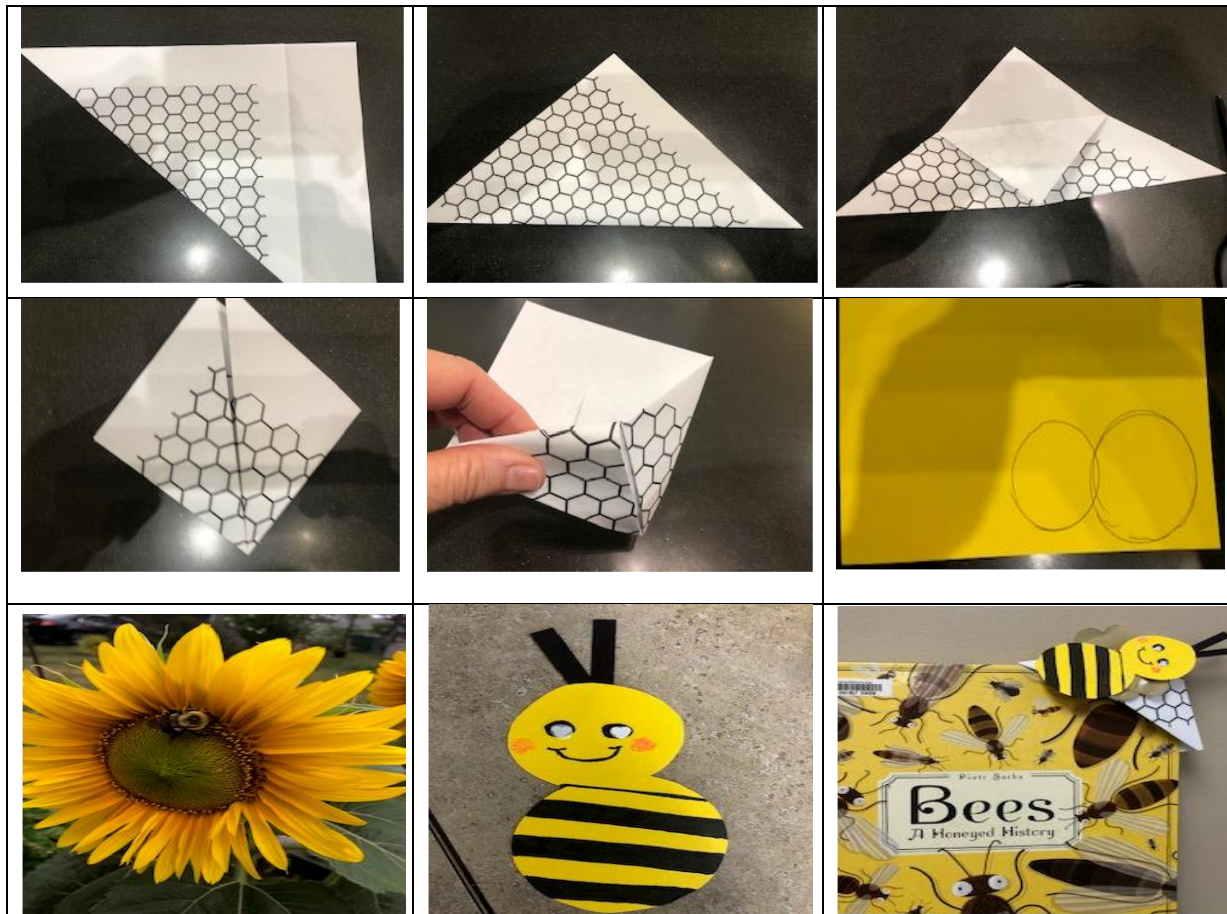


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Do you want to find out what the buzz is all about with artCart this week? We will be making a bee bookmark for saving the page of your favorite book. Bees are great pollinators, contributing to food security. According to information from the Food and Agriculture Organization, bees provide at least a third of the world's food production. When bees pick up pollen from flowers and spread it, they are allowing the food plants to reproduce and grow. So be a friend to bees and keep the buzz going about how important they are! This Saturday, May 20, 2023, is World Bee Day. So let's celebrate with our own friendly, bee!



1-With one piece of paper make a square. Fold the left corner up to the top edge on the long side. Cut off the extra on the right side. Keep this triangle with the fold on the bottom. Fold the top point only down to meet the bottom edge and press down on the fold to crease. Take one of the bottom corner points and fold all the way up to meet the single top point. Do the same with the opposite point. You will end up with a smaller square. Open these two points up and fold each one down inside the center fold to make a pocket. Decorate the outside with hexagons to look like a honeycomb from the bees' hive.

2- Make two circles touching together on another piece of paper. One should be a little bit larger for the body of the bee. Color yellow and make black stripes on the body. On the top circle, make a friendly bee face. Attach antennas to the top and a stinger on the bottom circle, if you like. Add wings to the body and glue the bee to the honeycomb. Use on your favorite library book. For a fun event, don't miss the Pollinator Palooza II, Saturday, May 20, 2023. 11:00am -2pm at Estabrook Park.

**Bee Kind!**

-Ms. Susan