This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week begins the Summer Reading program, full of events, books, and fun "tails and tales". We are going to start off the celebration with the fuzzy tail of a woodland animal- the fox. The fox is a mammal and closely related to wolves, racoons, and even, dogs. As a nocturnal animal, the fox goes out hunting for food at night. At night, the coat or fur of the fox will blend in with any tree trunk in the woods. Maybe that is why people call it the sly fox. If the fox is laying down in a snow bank, all you would see is the white tail. What will be the tale of your white-tailed fox?

1-Begin by making two circles on newspaper to use for the fox body and face. You can use a bowl or another circle you find at home and trace your pattern. Cut out the circles. Color or paint the newspaper circles a brownish-orange color. You could use colored paper for your fox or use an orange marker. Fold the bottom up on the first circle, just past the center line, to the back of the circle. Glue this circle to the bottom of a black or dark piece of paper. Fold each side of the second circle into the middle to make the head leaving a long, pointed nose. Cut off the folded sections and use to make the fox's face. Glue the plain newspaper on the head after you have colored it. Do not place the face pieces all the way to the end of the point. Leave a small space for the nose. You may have to cut the pieces a bit smaller. Add two triangle ears with plain, uncolored smaller triangles on top.

2-Make two eyes, about the size of a nickel and one black nose. Now the tail of the fox story begins. Cut a rectangle shape, fold it in half, and cut a point at one end. Color with the orange. If you have a cotton ball, pull off some fuzz and glue it to the tip of the tail. If not, just cut it out of plain white paper. Add the tail to your sly fox. If the tail is longer than the background, that is okay. Look for more fox tales in the library.

 Come in anytime to sign-up for Summer Reading with "Tails and Tales"

Ms. Susan