

# WHAT IS ORIGAMI?

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of folding paper.

The most well-known fold is of a crane, or *tsuru*, considered a mythological animal that carries souls to heaven on its wings. Cranes represent peace and longevity.

Various popular beliefs consider that the act of folding 1000 paper cranes (*senbazuru*) will grant one a wish, a healthy recovery from illness/injury or good luck.

**Help San Diego Public Library to make our own *senbazuru* for peace.** We will string them together for a community display. With the paper included in this kit, fold as many cranes as you'd like and return them in this bag to any of our SDPL Pickup Service locations.

Visit our website for the video tutorial: [sandiego.gov/OneBook](http://sandiego.gov/OneBook)

Try folding your own paper crane!

