

Bubbling Blue



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Oceans, rivers, lakes, swamps, ponds, and puddles! Water is all around us and it's not just for drinking. There are all kinds of exciting activities you can do in, on, and around the water. Explore your wet world at the library with stories, songs, crafts, games, and more. From scuba diving to ice fishing, discover what you can do in the Bubbling Blue!

14 KARAT STORIES

Adventure of Louey and Frank. Carolyn White.

A bear and a rabbit make a boat from a pair of sneakers. They sail to a rock . . . or is it a whale?

Around the Pond: Who's Been Here? Lindsay Barrett George.

Cammy and William search for blueberries around the pond and find clues left by animals that have visited before.

Beaver Pond Moose Pond. Jim Arnosky.

A beaver dam creates a pond that turns a whole meadow into a watery home for all kinds of animals.

The Boy on the Beach. Niki Daly.

A little boy seems to want get into every kind of mischief *except* going into the ocean with his mom and dad.

Canoe Days. Gary Paulsen.

A canoe glides out into the summer beauty of a northern lake.

“Finderella” (p. 242-245) from *Preschool Connections*. Sarah Felstiner.

This light spoof on the Cinderella story introduces a princely whale, a crabby sister, and a Fairy Codmother. Present as a flannel story or audience participation.

Here Is the Wetland. Madeleine Dunphy.

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Cumulative story describing the ecology of a freshwater marsh.

The Hidden Forest. Jeannie Baker.

A boy observes the giant kelp forest while diving to retrieve a lost fishtrap.

I Went to the Bay. Ruth Miller.

A boy rows his boat into the bay to observe nature and finds that it is also observing him!

A Million Fish...More or Less. Patricia McKissack.

Hugh Thomas thinks that the stories Papa-Daddy and Elder Abbajon keep telling about the peculiar things that happen at Bayou Clapateaux are just a bunch of tall tales. That is, until he has an experience of his own that, when repeated to his friend's and family, sounds like quite a fairy tale, too.

Mrs. Armitage and the Big Wave. Quentin Blake.

Mrs. Armitage and her dog Breakspear head out surfing, but each time they paddle out they think of another outlandish thing they need. Make props for each of the objects Mrs. Armitage brings back with her.

My Great-Grandmother's Gourd. Cristina Kessler.

A village becomes dependent on its new well and considers abandoning their traditional water storage method.

My Life with the Wave. Catherine Cowan.

A boy brings home a wave from the ocean that wreaks havoc in his home until it is returned to the sea.

The Peacock's Pride. Melissa Kajpust.

A vain peacock learns a lesson in humility.

“The Rainhat” (p. 22-23) from *Just Enough to Make a Story.* Nancy Schimmel.

This paper folding story follows a little girl on a rainy day adventure.

Rhinos Who Surf. Julie Mammano.

The rhinos spend the day at the beach surfing. The story is full of great surfing lingo. Have the children act out the story

Robin Hook, Pirate Hunter. Eric Kimmel.

Though raised by pirates, Robin Hook prefers helping people rather than making them walk the plank. Play “The Ballad of Cap’t Hook” from *Adventures in Storyville* (page 21 in this manual).

Row, Row, Row Your Boat. Iza Trapani.

The book is an extended version of the classic song. Use as a sing along.

Sidney Won’t Swim. Hilde Schuurmans.

Although he’s a little afraid, Sidney’s friends help him give swimming a try.

Swimming Lessons. Betsy Jay.

Janey doesn’t want to take swimming lessons, but pride makes her take the plunge.

Tough Boris. Mem Fox.

Boris is a fearless, greedy, old pirate, but he still cries when his pet parrot dies.

White Tiger, Blue Serpent. Grace Tseng.

A young boy faces danger when he tries to rescue his mother’s beautiful brocade from the goddess who stole it.

BOOKTALK GEMS

Alison Rides the Rapids. Nina Alexander.

When the river guide falls overboard, Alison must conquer her fears and take charge in this white water rafting adventure.

Aquamarine. Alice Hoffman.

Hailey and Claire are spending a final summer together when they discover a mermaid with attitude at the bottom of the Capri Beach Club pool.

Danger, Dolphins and Ginger Beer. John Vigor.

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When a shocking boat accident occurs near the island where they are staying, Sally Grant and her two brothers find the people involved almost *too* mysterious.

Good-bye for Today: The Diary of a Young Girl at Sea. Peter Roop.
Laura keeps a diary of her family's experience on a whaling ship.

Lockie Leonard, Scumbuster. Tim Winton.
Lockie, expert Australian surfer, makes an unlikely friend in non-surfing, metal-head Egg. Together they make plans to clean up their town's harbor of its industrial waste.

The Music of Dolphins. Karen Hesse.
Researchers try to rehabilitate a young girl when they learn she was raised by dolphins.

Tom Cringle: Battle On the High Seas. Gerald Hausman.
A thirteen-year-old boy describes his capture by pirates, as well as other adventures during the War of 1812.

PLATINUM POETRY

"I Took a Sip of Water" (p. 54-55) from *It's Raining Pigs and Noodles.* Jack Prelutsky.

In The Swim. Douglas Florian.
Poems about the denizens of the deep.

Puppets, Poems & Songs. Julie Shelton.
"The Briny Sea" chapter (p. 31-62) includes several poems and directions for props to enhance them.

Splish Splash. Joan Graham.
This book is full of short, cute poems about all types of water.

CRYSTAL CLEAR CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

Crafts for All Seasons. Kathy Ross.

“Swimming Fish Box” (p. 156-157)

“Squishy Fish” (p. 158-159)

“Cork Float Toy” (p. 160-161)

Crafts for Kids Who Are Wild About Oceans. Kathy Ross.

Easy instructions for making ocean related crafts from household items.

Look What You Can Make with Paper Bags. Judy Burke.

“Fish Out of Water” (p. 30)

“King-Size Octopus” (p. 39)

Ocean Animals: Resource Book and Reproducible Craft Patterns. Shirley Ruemmler.

Patterns and instructions are given for a variety of ocean animal projects.

Secrets of the Sea (Making Pictures series). Penny King.

Easy step-by-step instructions are provided to create picture collages of sea life.

Vroom! Vroom! Making ‘Dozers, ‘Copters, Trucks and More. Judy Press.

This book has a whole “In the Water” chapter (p. 77-98) of great boats to make out of milk cartons, egg crates, and craft sticks. Acquire a kiddie pool. Make craft stick rafts or boats and have races.

STERLING SOUNDS

“Baby Beluga” (track 1) from *Baby Beluga.* Raffi.

“The Ballad of Cap’t Hook” (track 9) from *Adventures in Storyville.* The Minstrels of Mayhem.

“Come All You Bold Sailormen” (track 3) from *Birds, Beasts, Bugs & Fishes Little & Big: Animal Folk Songs.* Pete Seeger.

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“Come Dance by the Ocean” (track 1) from *Come Dance by the Ocean*. Ella Jenkins.

“Down By The Bay” (track 2) from *Singable Songs for the Very Young*. Raffi.
Play the song while showing the book.

Slugs at Sea. The Banana Slug String Band.

“Yellow Submarine” (track 3) from *Rockin’ Down the Road*. Greg & Steve.

COMMUNITY JEWELS

Have a representative from your local zoo or environmental center give a program about a nearby lake, pond, river, wetland, or seashore.

Ask a local lifeguard or fire department to come and talk about water safety.

If there is one in your area, have a local fisherman or fishing enthusiast come in and talk about fishing.

Request that the Marine Patrol or Coast Guard present a program.

INTERNET SPARKLERS

Secrets at Sea

<http://www.secretsatsea.org/>

A fun, interactive game where kids piece together clues to track down ocean polluters. Requires Shockwave.

Ranger Rick’s Kid Zone – Water Cycle

<http://www.nwf.org/kids/cool/water1.html>

Explore the water cycle with Ranger Rick. This National Wildlife Federation site includes lots of experiments and games teaching kids all about the water

cycle in an entertaining way.

EPA's Drinking Water and Ground Water Kids' Site

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/games.html>

This site includes lots of games and on-line activities about the water we drink.

Kids E-Quarium

http://www.mbayaq.org/lc/kids_place/kidseq.asp

Go on a virtual tour of the Monetrey Bay Aquairum on-line. Chock full of marine-life facts with great photos and some games.

Shark School

<http://www.sdnhm.org/kids/sharks/index.html>

Great site with information and pictures, as well as a shark quiz!

PARENTING PEARLS

Check out a book about local wildlife and visit a pond, lake, river, wetland or seashore near you. Bring along a bucket and small net to catch and examine what you find.

Visit you local water processing or hydro-electric plant. Many offer tours at least once a week.

Many parents don't realize that their children can be certified to scuba dive at 12.

Check out the Professional Association of Diving Instructors website at

<http://www.padi.com> to find out more.

Edible Aquarium

Make blue jello according to directions.

Pour into clear plastic cups. Let them cool until partially set.

Place a few gummy fish in each cup.

Put them in refrigerator until they're completely set.

Bubbling Blue – Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Ocean water tastes different from fresh water because ocean water contains _____.
2. The _____ ocean borders Florida to the east.
3. _____ is frozen rain, which can sometimes be the size of golfballs.
4. Lake _____ is the largest lake in Florida.
5. Masks, fins, tanks, and wetsuits are all types of equipment used in the sport of _____ diving.

Down

6. The whale is a _____, not a fish, since it needs to surface to breathe.
7. Hydro-electric plant use _____ to generate electricity.
8. The Maine Lobster has these, the Florida Spiny does not.
9. _____ is the water found on plants and trees in the morning, due to the process of condensation.
10. When air is released underwater, _____ are formed and rise to the surface.

