

THIRD ANNUAL MARITIME MONTH REPORT OCTOBER 2019

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REFLECTIONS FROM THIRD ANNUAL

Coordinating the third year of Maritime programming came easier than the previous two. The library has formed meaningful connections with local experts, trade professionals, and excited hobbyists. Our goal is to continue fostering interest in Maritime activity and history through programming and the Maritime Collection.

Successes:

We hosted 6 weeks of programming for children, adults, families, locals and visitors. The events ranged from educational workshops and off-site tours to exposure to life in a Maritime town. We hosted programs on conservation of resources, kayaking, exploring Maritime literature, boat building, knot-tying and rope splicing, story-walks, pirate ship tours, and inter-generational crafts. We toured the Woods Hole Oceanographic Center and Marine Biological Laboratory Library, the aquarium, and a local estuary. We learned how different bivalves behave and the difference between sustainable shellfish farming and how shellfish grow in the wild. Our culminating event was a two-day series with New York Times best selling author, Dr. Wallace J. Nichols, who enlightened the community on how integral water is to our psyche and then taught patrons how to channel that power in his writing workshop.

Challenges:

We did not miss the irony when a pending hurricane postponed our inaugural weekend of programming. It was a firm reminder that our community is subject to the powers of the ocean and the weather. The culminating event was also nearly derailed by an unseasonably early and slow-moving Nor'Easter. Additionally, we had to cancel a cooking program because the chef incurred an injury from a fishing accident! As always, we are looking to improve our marketing and PR by harnessing innovative ways to get the word out. With more people in the know, we can increase program attendance and ensure we honor the memory of Gordon Goodwin by providing well-rounded and engaging programs and collections.

Goals for 2020:

Like any other annual event, we hope to continue some of our well-received and well attended programs, as well as add new events. We aim to provide life-long learning opportunities to ensure that people who have always wanted to try an activity on the water, but haven't had a chance, are supported. We want to continue reminding people that conservation efforts can always be increased. We want to continue building our print collection and install a more permanent sign with the collection honoring Goodwin and his family.

What follows: Smiling faces

A snapshot of programs and participants from this year. Some of these events were made possible by instructors donating their time, others were generously sponsored by the Maritime Fund. All of the events were coordinated to remind this Island community that the water which surrounds us is versatile, omnipotent, and unique. We are a unique people. We are islanders.

MARKETING & COMMUNITY

M.V. Times Press Release 9.4.19

This September and early October, the Oak Bluffs Public Library celebrates its third annual Maritime Month in honor of Gordon Goodwin. According to a press release, with funds provided by the Goodwin family and the generous participation and enthusiasm of many local individuals and businesses, the library is offering numerous activities for adults, young adults, and children as the library continues the Goodwin family's wishes to celebrate the Island's local maritime history...



Read the rest of the story:

<https://www.mvtimes.com/2019/09/04/maritime-month-oak-bluffs-library/>

Tivoli Day 2019

We brought the library into the community, in case they can't get to us. This provides an opportunity to share the library's Maritime programs & collection, as well as other good works. We talk about Gordon Goodwin's passion for fishing, conservation, reading, and other maritime traditions, letting his memory live on at this end of the summer street fair.



CONSERVATION



Lou's Upcycles

A creative and utilitarian way to prevent plastic from getting into our oceans. Complete with an educational component, Lou is the master of recycling!

Learn with us:

Upcycled Plastic Wallets

Maritime edition

Friday, September 6th
4:00pm

Learn about how plastic affects our oceans and ecosystems. Bring in your plastic bags and plastic trash to turn that waste into a functional textile.
Additional plastic donations welcome!

The Course is taught by Lou Leelyn, Eco-artist and Environmental Educator, founder of Lou's Upcycles. Each participant will leave with their own fused wallet or pouch. Questions about the process? Email: lousupcycles@gmail.com

Pre-registration required

Call: 508-693-9433
Email: oakb_mail@clamsnet.org
or come to the circulation desk



Walk away with a wallet just like this one!

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M.V. Shellfish Group

Emma Green-Beach, a local Marine Biologist and island native, is the Co-Director of M.V. Shellfish group. For our first Maritime Month, we made a site visit to their hatchery on Lagoon Pond. The program had unprecedented numbers of over 50 people, so we knew there was a deep community interest. This year, the seedlings were brought to us in varying stages of development. Participants learned about our local ecosystems, the shellfish industry, growth and sustainability. For the parents it was informational. For the kids it was fun!



MARITIME TRADITION & CRAFTSMANSHIP

Knot Tying with William H. Mabie

This salty Merchant Marine has come two years in a row to run a workshop on knot tying. With him comes a lifetime of stories captaining tanker ships in disputed waters and shipping off for months at a time.

He carries a 50 year old leather case full of rope splicing tools--a traditional Maritime necessity that has been pushed aside by machines and steel rope. Patrons walk away with practical knowledge, a glimpse into traditional maritime craft, and a taste of life as a mariner.



Gannon & Benjamin Boat Yard

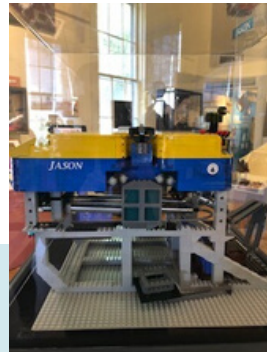
15 patrons met at this boatyard for wooden sail boats. Shown around by Nat Benjamin, owner, the yard employs 14 full-time staff, many of them young. It was refreshing to see an ancient craft still providing employment to and ships built from our small island. Nat sources sustainable & conflict-free wood from around the globe to hand craft boats that will last. Much information about boat care, wood types, and sail making was exchanged. Next year, we hope to charter Nat's schooner and have a more interactive lesson on sailing.



PRESERVATION. RESEARCH. SCIENCE.

WHOI & MBL Libraries and Rare Books

For the second time, the library escorted patrons across the Vineyard Sound to explore Woods Hole Oceanographic Center, the Aquarium, and the MBL Rare Books Room. Patrons were exposed to the evolution of Marine Science practices and theories, and were given tours by the Library Director and Marine Biologists. They went from feeling the weight of a Thomas Hunt Morgan's Nobel Prize to seeing the remains of the *Titanic*, once hidden from view on the floor of the Atlantic.



Blue Mind: Dr. Wallace J. Nichols

The first night: a documentary screening, followed by a book talk and discussion. The second day: a writing workshop, planned for 3 hours, but stretching into the middle of the afternoon. This New York Times best selling author engaged patrons with an insightful presentation on his concept of *Blue Mind*, a study of the neuroscience behind humans' emotional, behavioral, psychological and physical connections to water.



DR. WALLACE J. NICHOLS

New York Times Bestselling Author

October 9th: 6-8pm

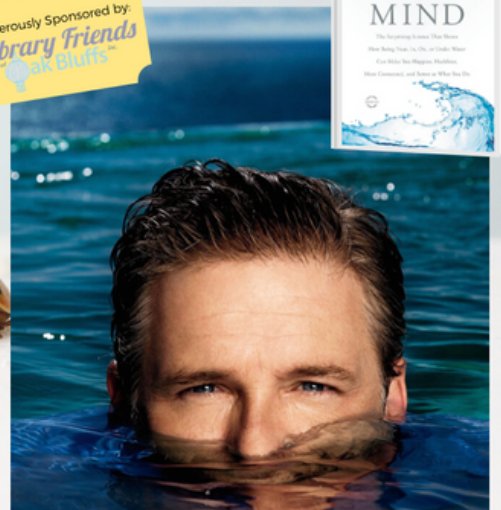
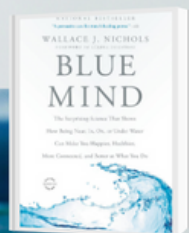
FILM SCREENING & LECTURE:
Blue Mind: Changing the Way
We Think, Feel + Act
Toward Water

**October 10th:
10am-12pm***

WORKSHOP:
LiveBlue: The Seven Ages
of Water
*Pre-registration Required

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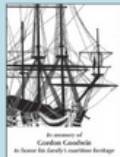
CHILDREN'S ROOM



Children's and Young Adult CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sept. 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 Every September, the Oak Bluffs Public Library celebrates Maritime Month to honor local mariner, Gordon Goodwin, whose family has donated a memorial fund to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs with the request to add maritime collections and programming in the library. In Gordon Goodwin's memory, the library plans to host Maritime Month each September to celebrate our island's maritime culture.		03 Teen Movie 3:30-5:30pm	04 Maritime Storytime and Craft 10:30am	05 Book Babies Storytime 11am	06 Toddler Time Storytime 10:30am	07 Pirate Story Walk 10:30am
		Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger Hunt	Scavenger Hunt
		10	11 Maritime Storytime and Craft 10:30am	12 Book Babies Storytime 11am	13 Toddler Time Storytime 10:30am	14 OBPL @ Tivoli Day! 10am-3pm
		17	18 Maritime Storytime and Craft 10:30am	19 Book Babies Storytime 11am	20 Toddler Time Storytime 10:30am	21 Sail-In Movie 10:30am
		22	24 Pajama Pirates Storytime 6:30pm	25 Maritime Storytime and Craft 10:30am	26 Book Babies Storytime 11am	28 Touch and Hold Shellfish 11am
		29 	31 Sea Shell Crafts for Teens 3pm			

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Programs are supported by 

The whole month of September is Maritime themed in the Children's Room! Crafts, stories, and adventures are told through books--purchased with Maritime funds. This year the books were displayed with a life sized cardboard boat. There was so much happening this year for Maritime Month, we forgot to take many pictures!





MARITIME STORYTIME



WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER!
10:30AM

These weekly storytimes feature a marine- or ship-themed craft!





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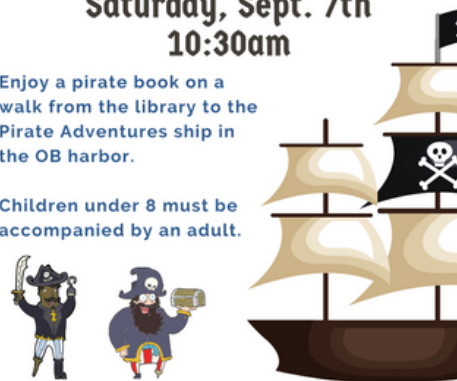



Pirate Story Walk

Saturday, Sept. 7th
10:30am

Enjoy a pirate book on a walk from the library to the Pirate Adventures ship in the OB harbor.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



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ON THE WATER

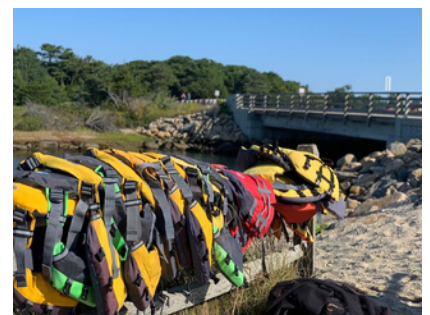
Pier Fishing with Jonathan

An opportunity for adults who never learned how to fish and are--now--weary of asking for help and equipment. A group of 3 women and one man joined Jonathan as he rigged their gear, explained different types of bait, and showed them how to release their Scup back into the sea!



Kayaking Safety

Instructed by Island Spirit Kayak, a group of first time kayakers to well-seasoned paddlers, from age 12 to age 80, enjoyed a beautiful morning on Segegontaket Estuary. Patrons were able to practice self-rescue and rescuing a buddy. The instructors were island-born and full of information about recreational and safety products, the environment, and how to read weather conditions and tide charts.



WE THANK YOU.

Gordon Goodwin Maritime Fund

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs Public Library present our
3rd Annual Maritime Month.

Celebrating Goodwin's lifelong love of reading and public
libraries, seafaring and fishing, conservation and awareness.

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List of Events

Friday September 6th

- 4pm Upeycled Wallets: Ocean Conservation craft
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday September 7th

- 9:45am Kayaking Safety lesson with Island Spirit Kayak
Guides @ first bridge, beach road
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tuesday September 10th

- 3:30pm Tour of Gannon & Benjamin
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Thursday September 12th

- 6:30pm Janet Messieno Book Talk

Saturday September 14th

- ALL DAY Tivoli Day: Kids craft & Maritime info

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List of Events

Thursday September 19th

- 6pm Art Party: Seascape String Pull Art
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Friday September 20th

- 1pm Fishing with Jonathan @ OB fishing Pier

Saturday September 21st

- 1pm Cooking with Jonathan: Clam Chowder

Tuesday September 24th

- 9am WHOI Field Trip @ VH SSA

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday September 28th

- 11am Shellfish Show & Hold @ Lagoon
Conservation w/ MV Shellfish Group!

Tuesday October 1st

- 6pm Knot Tying Workshop & Rope Splicing
Demonstration w/ William H. Mabie

CLOSING EVENT

J. Wallace Nichols October 9th and 10th

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