

## 4-Program Sample Progressive Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities

These 4 programs are intended for adults. These ideas are suggestions only, with plenty of room to mix and match, and add in elements from the 2021 CSLP manual or of your own creation. This program series is based on offering one event every other week through the summer, all home grown and fairly inexpensive.

### Program 1: Celebrate World Ocean Day, June 8 (and National Ocean Month all of June)

This important global awareness day is a great way to begin programming for adults around the ocean. It's a great day to have an evening kickoff event for your adult summer program! Library staff can dress in blue to highlight the day and spotlight adult collections with an ocean theme through displays. Here are some event ideas:

- Launch a Community (Citizen) Science project
- With a partner organization, host a stream, lake, or river cleanup event
- Ask someone from a partner organization like Colorado Parks and Wildlife, your local parks and recreation department, or a local college to speak at an event to provide practical tips on local conservation that ultimately affect oceans
- Issue a summer-long community conservation challenge (reduce plastic waste or clean up local waterways, for instance)
- Ask your city administration to issue a proclamation that your town will celebrate World Ocean Day on June 8

### Program 2: Nautical Movie Nights

Throughout the summer, show a few well-known ocean-themed movies, including some old classics. Many of the adults will remember seeing them, and they're fun for all.

Variation: Invite adult patrons to read a nautical-themed book, and then show the film based on the book. After the film screening, have a discussion about the two versions: how are they similar and different? What may have prompted the changes? Which version do patrons prefer and why? Have a text vote and post the winner on your website and social media.



Who doesn't love Shark Week? It's a great opportunity to showcase your books and DVDs about sharks, show films and documentaries, host a shark trivia game, provide shark facts on social media, and raise awareness of the importance of ocean conservation on shark habitat. The dates for Shark Week 2022 have not been announced yet but it's usually in July.



Oh, and there's an Orca Week too: June 19-25, 2022!

#### **Program 4: How to be an Ocean Hero (even in a land-locked state)**

There are many ways that we all can help with ocean conservation, even here in Colorado. Host an Ocean Hero program to highlight what we can do to help by inviting teen and adult patrons to complete an Ocean Hero badge (provide a sticker, certificate, or virtual badge to all that complete three or more of these tasks):

- Conserve water and track the water you saved in a week. Examples:
  - turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
  - turn off the tap midway during your shower
  - fix a leaking tap
  - skip a shower
  - wear pants, skirts, dresses, and shirts multiple times before washing them
- Take one step to reduce your emissions/carbon footprint. Examples:
  - find out what your household carbon footprint is at this online calculator: <https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/>
  - walk or ride your bike instead of driving
  - complete errands in one trip instead of two
  - reduce your air conditioning use by turning it up 1-2 degrees
  - wash your clothes in cold water rather than warm or hot
- Take one step to reduce your plastic waste (plastic may end up in the ocean). Examples:
  - ditch plastic water bottles and use a reusable bottle
  - don't use plastic straws
  - bring your own reusable containers to restaurants to take home leftovers
  - bring your own bags for shopping
- Participate in a stream, river, or lake shoreline clean up and report results. Weigh the bags of waste you picked up and take a photo at the end to show your results individually or as a group.
- Learn about sustainable seafood at <https://www.seafoodwatch.org/> and pledge to purchase sustainably sourced fish and seafood whenever possible.

- Get involved in a Community (Citizen) Science program to help ocean conservation, like The Ocean Cleanup’s River Cleanup project, <https://theoceancleanup.com/research/citizen-science/>.

**Ongoing Online:**

TED Talks (Technology, Education, Design) are short presentations by experts from around the world on a huge variety of topics. The talks are usually given live at conferences and recorded to be shared online, for free.

There are some excellent TED Talks online about oceanography and conservation; check them out at [www.ted.com/](http://www.ted.com/) (search for ‘oceanography’). On your website, blog, or social media, feature 2-3 TED Talks about oceans each week during the summer, then switch them for a new batch each week. There are playlists around sub-themes that make this a simple process (<https://www.ted.com/search?cat=playlists&q=oceans>).

