



Check out NHSM book list for the curious.

Bellow you will find books on fossils, dinosaurs, oceans, sealife, and sharks.

Oceans and Sealife

Title	Author	Age	Description
A Dolphin Named Bob	Twig C. George	8-12 yrs.	Learn about communication, socialization and training through a story about a dolphin born at the Aquarium.
A Turtle's View of the Ocean Blue	Catherine Barr	12 +	Packed with facts and photos that will keep all ages engaged.
Blue Hope	Sylvia A. Earle	12 +	Dazzling photographs illustrate the insights of Earle and other ocean advocates who understand that all life depends on the ocean.
Citizens of the Sea: Wonderous Creatures from the Census of Marine Life	Nancy Knowlton	12 +	National Geographic photographers capture the astonishing diversity with comments from renowned scientist, Nancy Knowlton.
Coral Reefs: A Journey through an Aquatic World Full of Wonder	Jason Chin	5-9 yrs.	A girl pulls a beautiful book about coral reefs off the shelf in the library. Soon she is surrounded by the world of the reef and the animals and plants that live there.
Earth's Incredible Oceans	Jess French	7-10 yrs.	A fascinating undersea journey.
Endangered Oceans: Opposing Viewpoints	Louise Gerdes, editor	12 +	Gives various viewpoints on oceans issues.
Follow the Moon Home	Phillipe Cousteau & Deborah Hopkinson	2-8 yrs.	A story about a young girl who brings together a community to save the sea turtles.
Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds: the Story of a Food Web	Victoria Crenson	6-9 yrs.	Life cycle of horseshoe crabs.
Jellies: The Life of Jellyfish	Twig C. George	4-10 yrs.	No brain, no heart and yet they manage to hatch, travel, find food and reproduce!
Life in the Ocean, The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle	Claire A. Nivola	4-8 yrs.	The story of the life of Sylvia Earle, oceanographer, who dedicated her life to studying the "blue heart of the planet" by any means available.
Life: The First Four Billion Years, the Story of Life From the Big Bang to the Evolution of Humans	Martin Jenkins	10-14 yrs	An illustrated look at the history of life on our planet.
Manfish, the Story of Jacques Cousteau	Jennifer Berne	6-10 yrs.	The life story of Jacques Cousteau a pioneering oceanographer and filmmaker.
Minute Earth: How Did Whales Get So Big?	Minute Earth	9-14 yrs.	Answers questions about life on our planet. Created by a team of writers, scientists and illustrators. Meticulously researched. (Series)
Mister Seahorse	Eric Carle	2-5 yrs.	A classic story about seahorses told with bright colorful illustrations.

Ocean Anatomy: Curious Parts and Pieces of the World Under the Sea	Julia Rothman	10 +	A graphic exploration of the sea and its inhabitants.
Out of the Blue: How Animals Evolved from Prehistoric Seas	Elizabeth Shreeve	5-8 yrs.	Simple text traces evolution from small organisms through rise of mammals.
Science Comics: Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean	Marcia Wicks, MK Reed & Jon Chad	9-13 yrs.	Complete introduction to coral reefs in graphic style. One of a series includes sharks, whales, ocean. Accurate facts, popular format. Other subjects in series.
Seahorses	Twig C. George	4-10 yrs.	Learn all about seahorses through informative text and spectacular photographs.
Sealife, A Complete Guide to the Marine Environment	Geoffrey Waller, Marc Dando, Michael Burchett	10 +	<i>SeaLife</i> is the most comprehensive reference available in a single volume to the vast panorama of vertebrate and invertebrate creatures inhabiting the world's oceans and shores.
Secrets of the Sea: The Story of Jeanne Power, Revolutionary Marine Scientist	Evan Griffith	6-9 yrs.	Jeanne Power (1794-1871) pioneered the use of aquariums to study ocean life.
Seymour Simon's Extreme Oceans	Seymour Simon	9-12 yrs.	Explore the most extreme events and dangerous sea creatures on earth.
Shark Lady, the True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist	Jess Keating	4-8 yrs.	The story of Eugenie Clark, who lived in Maryland, and became one of the preeminent shark scientists and the first to swim uncaged, into a cave with sharks!
Song for the Blue Ocean	Carl Safina	12 +	A personal narrative that follows author's explorations of, and adventures in the ocean and its various environments with the hope that we will learn to coexist with the natural world before too much damage is done.
Spying on Whales: The Past, Present and Future of the Earth's Most Awesome Creatures	Nick Dyenson	14 +	A look at the secret lives of whales through their 50 million year evolution and how they survive in an era of climate change.
Strangest Thing in the Sea and Other Curious Creatures of the Deep	Rachael Poliquin	7-12 yrs.	Author conjures up images of fictionalized fantastical creatures which are revealed to be real inhabitants of the sea.
The Blue Wonder, Why the Sea Glows, Fish Sing & Other Astonishing Insights from the Ocean	Frauke Bagushe	12 +	Authored by a marine biologist and diver, she takes readers on a dive through her eyes, knowledge of the oceans and her own research.
The Boundless Sea: Human History of the Oceans	David Abulafia	12 +	Learn all about the intertwined history of humans and the oceans.
The Brilliant Deep, Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs: The Story of Ken Nedimyer and the Coral Restoration Foundation	Kate Messner	5-8 yrs.	Tells the story of an ocean conservation pioneer.
The New Ocean, The Fate of Life in a Changing Sea	Bryn Barnhard	5-8 yrs.	New facts about ocean life.
The Ocean Alphabet Book	Jerry Pallotta	2-5 yrs.	Alphabet books with plenty of facts and beautiful illustrations.
The Ocean Was Our Sky	Patrick Ness	12 +	A group of whales leads the fight in an ongoing war with humans. They embark on a final hunt that forever changes the world for whales and men.

The Oceans Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story	Tino Cho	5-9yrs	Daeyeon wants to be an abalone diver like her Grandma, and learns to respect and appreciate the sea.
The Soul of the Octopus	Sy Montgomery	12 +	Naturalist and acclaimed author writes about her experience getting to know an octopus at the New England Aquarium. Great story with many facts woven into it.
Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home	Lindsay Moore	4-8 yrs.	The story of a loggerhead sea turtle that traveled 25,000 miles to get home after being rehabilitated.

Sharks

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Awesome Innovations Inspired by Sharks	Jim Corrigan	9-12 yrs.	We fear sharks but we learn from them. Learn how technological advancements are often inspired by nature in this interesting book.
Big Book of Sharks: Shark Week (Discovery Channel)	Jack Silbert	8-12 yrs.	Lots of sharks, lots of facts.
Everything Awesome About Sharks and other Underwater Creatures	Mike Lowry	7-10 yrs.	Did you know that whale sharks have over 3000 teeth? Everything and more that you've ever wanted to learn about sharks.
Fly Guy Presents: Sharks	Tedd Arnold	5-7 yrs.	"Bite sized" facts presented by a popular character.
Giant Shark: Megalodon, Prehistoric Super Predator	Caroline Arnold	6-10 yrs.	Gigantic facts about gigantic sharks.
Go! Field Guide Sharks	Scholastic	8-12 yrs.	Features detailed photos and awesome facts for every reader.
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Joanna Cole	5-7 yrs.	Beginning reader about sharks and their behavior.
I Am the Shark	Joan Holub	4-8 yrs.	Fascinating, fun facts about many sharks in the sea.
If Sharks Disappeared	Lily Williams	5-8 yrs.	What would be the results if sharks disappeared from the seas.
Megatooth	Patrick O'Brien	4-9 yrs.	Fascinating facts and exquisite illustrations bring the enormous Megalodon to life.
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting With the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands	Katherine Roy	8-12 yrs.	Up close look at great white sharks and the scientists who study them.
Ocean Speaks: How Marie Tharp Revealed the Ocean's Biggest Secret	Jess Keating	4-8 yrs.	Marie Tharp (1920-2006) was the first person to map the Earth's underwater Mountain ridges. This is her story of determination and pluck in standing up to many social barriers facing women at the time.
Paleo Sharks: Survival of the Strangest	Timothy J. Bradley	8-10 yrs.	Explores what is known about extinct sharks and links them to modern species.
Shark Block	Christopher Franceschelli	3-5 yrs.	Board book with illustrations and facts. Highlights environmental stewardship.
Sharkopedia: The Complete Guide to Everything Shark	NA	4-12 yrs.	Text and photos of many species of sharks.
Sharks for Kids: A Junior Scientist's Guide to Great Whites, Hammerheads and Other Sharks in the Sea	David McGuire	6-9 yrs.	Explores the wide variety of sharks from the tiny dwarf shark to biggest white sharks.
Sharks in Question	Victor G. Springer, Joy P Gold	12 +	<i>Sharks in Question</i> is a collective response to the thousands of questions about sharks received annually by scientists at Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Super Shark Encyclopedia: And Other Creatures of the Deep (series)	DK	7-12 yrs.	Facts and illustrations cover over 80 species of sharks and other fascinating ocean creatures with cut away and 3D illustrations. Series includes a dinosaur edition.
Swimming with Sharks	Heather Lang	4-8 yrs.	The story of scientist Eugenie Clark who studied sharks and changed our belief that they were cold killers, to regarding them as a fascinating appealing species.
Swimming with Sharks	Twig C. George	8-12 yrs.	Spending the summer with her marine biologist grandfather get Sarah learns there is much more danger for sharks than from sharks.
The Great White Shark Scientist	Sy Montgomery	10-14 yrs	Follow Dr. Greg Skomal as he strives to understand and protect the Great White Shark
The Monster Shark's Tooth: Canoeing from the Chesapeake Bay into the Ancient Miocene Sea	Peter Vogt	10-16 yrs	A boy visits his Grandpa on the Chesapeake Bay who mysteriously takes him on an adventure back through time encountering bear dogs, crocodilian and a megalodon. Was it real?
The Shark Book	Steve Jenkins, Robin page	6-9 yrs.	Learn what makes a shark a shark, what they eat, and how these predators have evolved.
The Ultimate Book of Sharks	Brian Skerry	8-12 yrs.	Features every species of shark from the smallest dogfish to the great white shark.

Fossils and Ancient Sealife

Title	Author	Age	Description
A Beachcomber's Guide to Fossils	Bob Gale, Pam Gale, Ashby Gale, Rudy	Ref.	Includes descriptions, identifying information and more than 1200 photographs of over 300 specimens found from Texas to New Jersey.
A History of Life in 100 Fossils	Paul D. Taylor, Aaron O'Dea	12 +	A history of life using 100 iconic specimens that illustrate the evolution of life on earth.
Chesapeake Bay Explorer's Guide: Natural History, Plants and Wildlife	David Malmquist	10 +	Includes where to find fossils in the Chesapeake Bay area.
Dinosaurs of the Deep: Discover Prehistoric Marine Life	Larry Verstraete	10-13 yrs	Brings ancient marine creatures to life and explores latest information.
DK Eyewitness Fossil	Paul D. Taylor	8-12 yrs.	Revised and updated guide to fossils.
Elasmosaurus: The Long Necked Swimmer	Gary Jeffrey	7-10 yrs.	History of the Elasmosaurus based on fossil evidence told in graphic novel style.
Fossil Fish Found Alive: Discovering the Coelacanth	Sally M. Walker	10-18 yrs	Explores the discovery of the coelacanth, a fish previously thought to be extinct. A true life mystery.
Fossils	David Ward	8 +	1000 pictures, 500 fossils, with concise descriptions and information.
Living Fossils: Clues to The Past	Caroline Arnold	7-10 yrs.	Meet 'living fossils' that closely resemble their ancient relatives.
Outdoor School: Rock, Fossil, and Shell Hunting	Jennifer Swanson	10-14 yrs	Indispensable information for young fossil collectors encouraging them to go out and find their own.
Prehistoric Sea Reptiles	David West	4-8 yrs.	Presents some of the most fascinating of the ancient sea reptiles.
The Secrets of the Ancient Sea Monsters	Zhao Chuang & Yang Yang	9-14 yrs.	Explore aquatic reptiles that ruled their world below the surface.
The Street Beneath My Feet	Charlotte Gullain & Yuval Zommer	5-8 yrs.	What's beneath your feet? A look down under the street all the way to the planets core and the other side.