

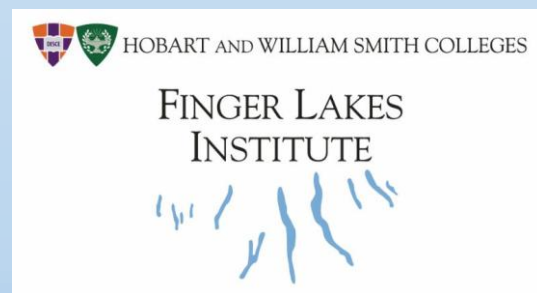


Libraries Love Lakes

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Libraries Love Lakes: Origins

- Program started in 2019 by members of the Global Lakes Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON)
- Outreach initiative to **“Get lakes on everyone’s radar”**



Libraries Love Lakes: Mission

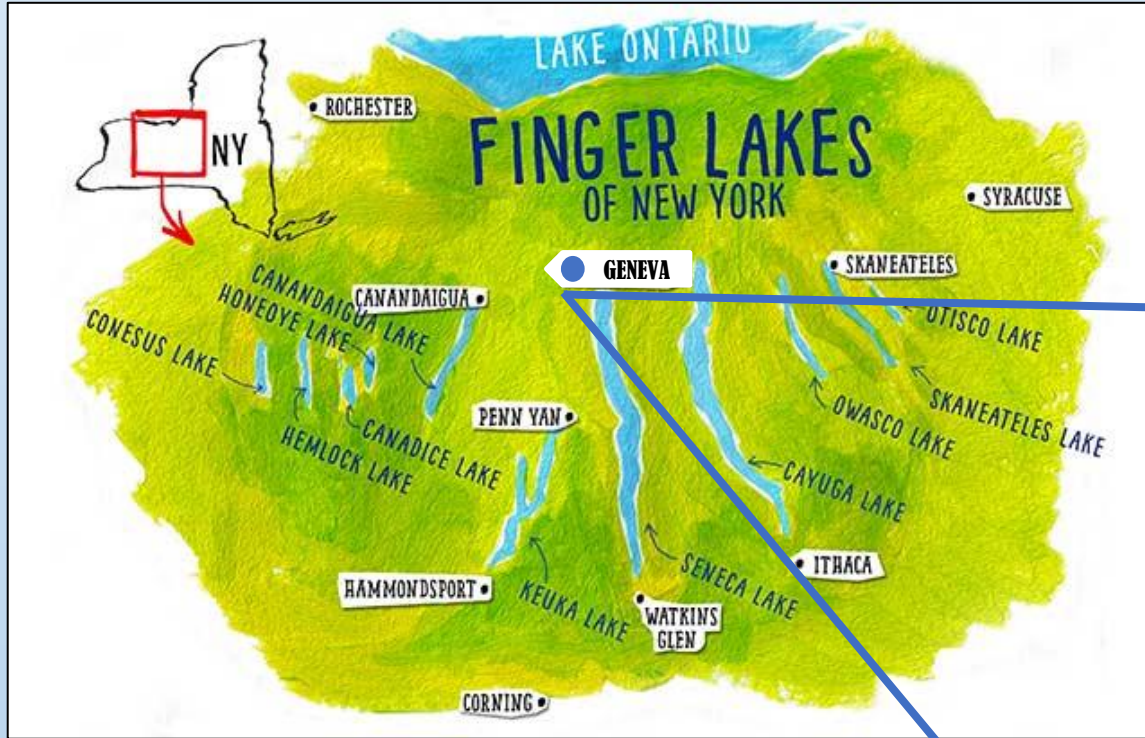


Libraries Love Lakes: Goals

- Raise awareness of the importance of lakes in our everyday lives
- Inspire new collaborations in the community
- Celebrate July as Lakes Appreciation Month in new & exciting ways

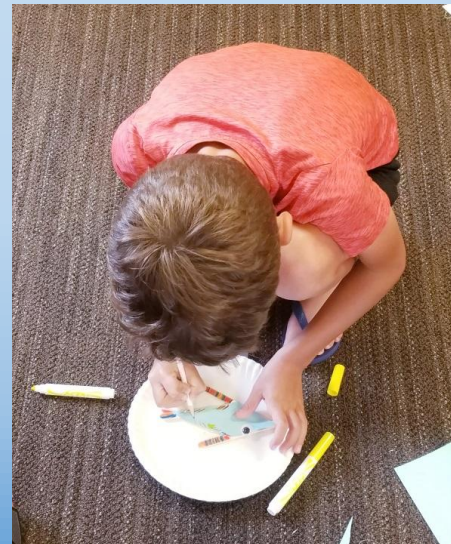


Why Get Involved?



Pilot Program

- Worked with two libraries (NY & CT)
- Focused on Childrens programs
- Engaged two students: undergraduate biology Honors student from Fairfield University and library high school youth board member



Resources for Programming

- Available online: <https://www.hws.edu/centers/finger-lakes-institute/libraries-love-lakes.aspx>

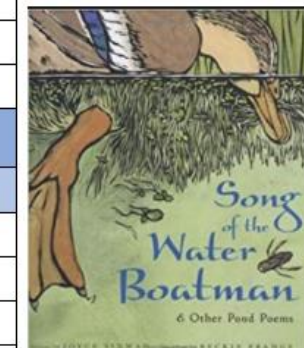
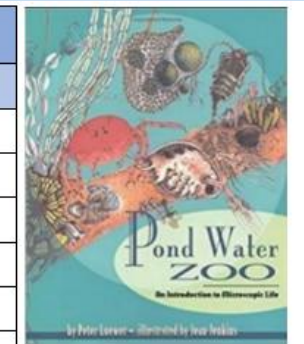


- For Lakes Appreciation Month resources, go to nalms.org

Resources for Childrens Programs

- Water-themed book list, topics include:
 - Lake Ecosystems, Wildlife, Ecosystem Services, Cultural History, Conservation and Restoration, The Water Cycle

Lake Ecosystems			
Book Title	ISBN-10	Author	Age Range
Lake and Pond Food Webs in Action	1467715557	Paul Fleisher	8-11
Mr. Big: A Tale of Pond Life	9781616089672	Carol Dembicki	7-12
Over and Under the Pond	1452145423	Kate Messner	5-8
Pond Circle	1416940219	Betsy Franco	4-8
Pond Water Zoo	0689317360	Peter Loewer	8-12
Salamander Rain: A Lake & Pond Journal	1584690178	Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini	6-10
Song of the Water Boatman	618135472	Joyce Sidman	4-8
Trout are Made of Trees	1580891381	April Pully Sayre	5-8
Wildlife			
Book Title	ISBN-10	Author	Age Range
All Eyes on the Pond	1562824759	Michael Rosen	4-8
All Night Near the Water	039922629X	Jim Arnosky	3-5
Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?	688143768	Lindsay Barrett George	4-8

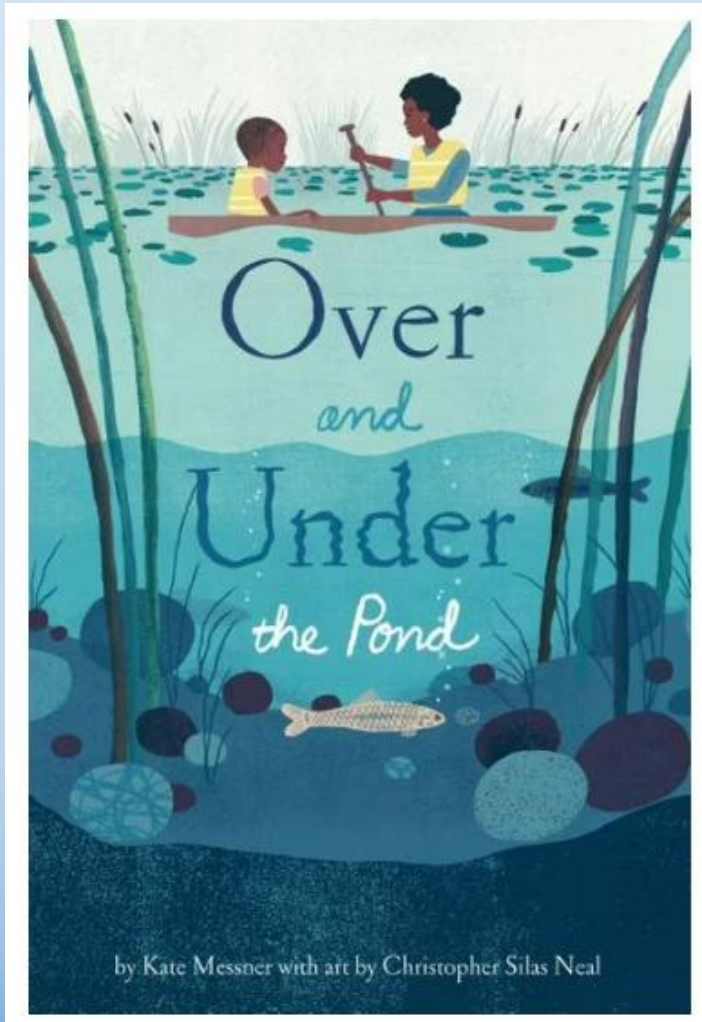




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Select Titles for Kids



Resources for Childrens Programs

- Water-themed crafts, materials & instructions

Libraries Love Lakes Arts & Crafts

Activities

Interested in hosting a Libraries Love Lakes Craft Event? Get inspired with some of these simple yet engaging activities.



Craft 1: Popsicle Stick Fish

Materials: Popsicle sticks, construction paper, markers/paint, glue

Directions: Lay three popsicle sticks parallel to each other, about 3/4ths of an inch apart. Lay three more popsicle sticks on top of the first three at a 90° angle and glue down. Create a body and tail out of construction paper and glue to the backside of the fish. Decorate with markers, paint or more construction paper!

Craft 2: Paper Plate Swan

Materials: Paper plate, black construction paper, black marker, glue.

Directions: Start by cutting through the middle of a paper plate, moving from one side to the other and stopping at the textured part. Follow that textured ring up and over to cut out half of the center of the plate. Round out the end of the "neck" and attach a beak made of black paper. Cut slits into the discarded part of the paper plate to create a wing and glue on. Attach legs and decorate as needed. **Note:** Try not to use orange construction paper for the beak, since Mute Swans are an invasive species.



Resources for Childrens Programs

Book Display

Collaborating lake scientists are encouraged to work with host libraries to gather books from their collections for a book display. These books can cover a variety of topics from the wildlife surrounding lakes, to ecosystem services, to conservation and the threats facing lakes and freshwater systems today.

We have created a list of suggested books and featured titles to use as a jumping off point that can be found [here](#).

Accompanying educational and outreach materials created by Libraries Love Lakes and its partners are available to be displayed alongside the books. These materials can be retrieved through the Libraries Love Lakes website or by emailing librarieslovelakes@gmail.com.



Interactive Response Board

Alongside the book display, host libraries may put up an interactive poster display which asks patrons to answer the prompt: *What is your favorite thing about lakes?*

Not only does this display give patrons the opportunity to reflect on their own interactions with lakes, it also allows us to gauge that library's patrons' engagement with and knowledge of lakes! Throughout your event be sure to take photos of the responses and share the best ones on Twitter or other social media outlets!

The template for a standardized interactive board display can be found on our website or by emailing librarieslovelakes@gmail.com.



Resource Guide includes:

- Planning checklist
- Ideas for book displays
- Interactive response board
- Host a storytime
- Lead arts & crafts activity
- Educational programming
- Host a book club



What we learned from the pilot



"Our girls loved learning about lakes, making their own fish was their favorite part!" - Parent

"I think libraries are a natural partner for this program...I definitely think the program was a conversation starter between parent and child" - C.H. Booth Librarian



"The parents like the way you incorporated information about the importance of lakes with a fun experience for their children." - Wood Library Librarian

Resources for Adult Library Patrons

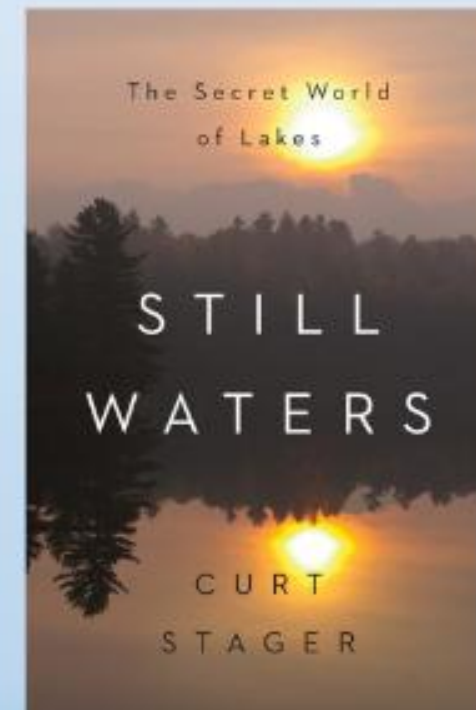
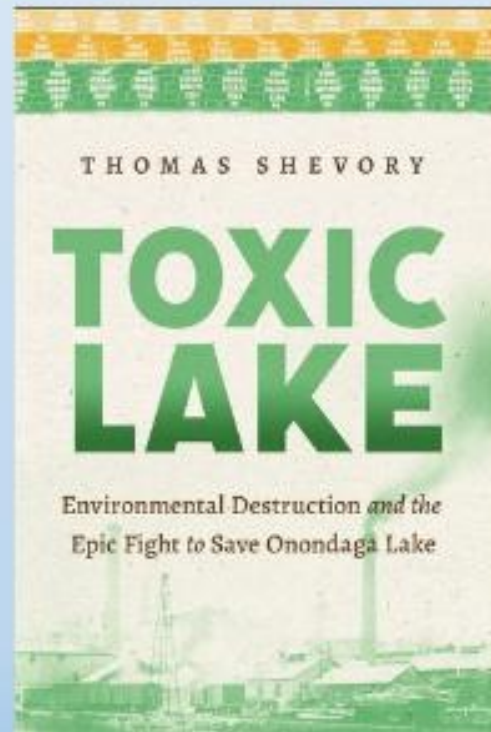
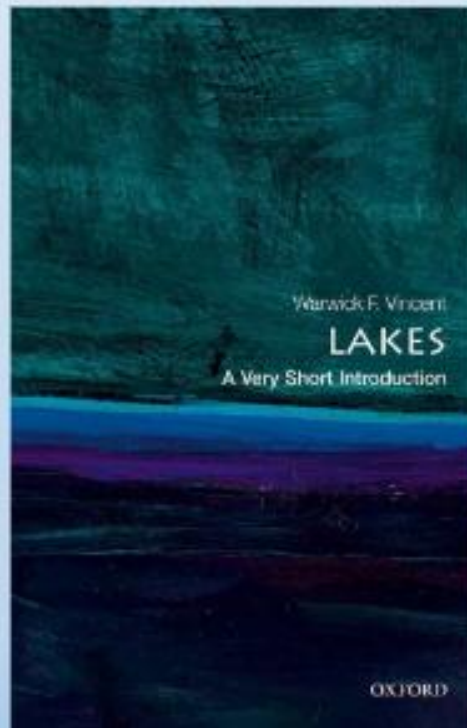
- Lake-themed book list for adults (Google drive link [here](#))

Do you know of lake and water-themed titles that should be included? Help us grow this list!



Resources for Adult Library Patrons

Lake Themed Books for Adults



Make LLL Your Own!

Past programs for adults



QUIZ
NIGHT!

"Bringing the library to the Lake, what a great idea!" Morristown Centennial Library, Morristown, VT

- Evening guest speaker series for adult patrons
- Co-hosted programs with local Trout Unlimited chapters
- Evening wildlife watching canoe/kayak for adults
- Partnered with lake association for a display table of Lake-Friendly Living info for patrons



Book Display for Adult Patrons –
DiMenna-Nyselius Library

Make LLL Your Own!

Past programs for kids

- Hosted outdoor water-themed crafts and activities
- "Take & Make" activity sets
- Partnered with Summer Camp programs!
- Provided summer literacy support
- Connected with State Fisheries Department for kid-friendly giveaways- workbooks, fish ID guides, posters, stickers
- Fishing demo and gear intro, library fishing rod check out program



"Book display was the most actively borrowed display ever!"
Booth Dimock Library, Coventry, CT



Share your events on Social Media!

- **#librarieslovelakes**
- **#LakesAppreciation**
- **#NALMS2025**



Wood Library Teen @WoodLibTeen · Jul 17, 2019

July is lakes appreciation month! Stop by and check out some titles and tell us why you love your lake!

[#librarieslovelakes](#) [#canandaigualake](#) @ Wood Library
[instagram.com/p/B0BuQuPnh2V/...](https://www.instagram.com/p/B0BuQuPnh2V/)



NALMS @NALMStweets · May 26

Why wait to celebrate [#LakesAppreciation](#) Month?! Check out the link below for June events/deadlines from NALMS & our partners! 📅
[#LAMPosterContest](#) [#LibrariesLoveLakes](#) @LoveMaineLakes @SWS_org
 @GLEONetwork @Kluglab @APMSociety @awwa

mailchi.mp/nalms/get-read...



Jen Klug @Kluglab · Jul 17, 2019

Replying to @Kluglab @lisa_borre and 4 others

Here are pics from Wood Library. [#LibrariesLoveLakes](#) [#LakesAppreciation](#)



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Tips for Getting Started

- Reach out to your local library! Connect early!
- Cross pollinate events!
- Participate in the annual spring Libraries Love Lakes Info Session (virtual)
- Have FUN! Get creative! Reach out to new partners!



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New home of Libraries Love Lakes (Spring 2025)

<https://www.hws.edu/centers/finger-lakes-institute/libraries-love-lakes.aspx>

Former webpage www.librarieslovelakes.org (active until end of 2025)