

Plastic Waters: from the Great Lakes to the Ocean

Exhibit Dates: April 1– May 25, 2015

What do the Great Lakes and a camel's stomach have in common? Find out at *Plastic Waters*, an exhibit that shows the harmful effects of plastic pollution in our lakes and oceans and some inspiring solutions that can sustain our waters. *Plastic Waters* is in partnership with 5 Gyres Institute and the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

Upcoming Events: April-May 2015

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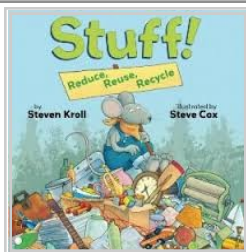
April 12–“Plastic Waters” by Dr. Sherri Mason/ H.O. Hirt Auditorium @ 2:30 pm

Dr. Sherri “Sam” Mason will speak at the Erie Maritime Museum. Dr. Mason will present “Plastic Waters”, centered on the first-ever survey of plastic pollution in the Great Lakes. Dr. Mason led this study in July of 2012 on-board the U.S. Brig *Niagara*.

April 12– Exhibit Grand Opening & Reception

Immediately following her talk, the public is invited to attend the grand opening reception for the exhibit “Plastic Waters, from the Great Lakes to the Ocean” at the Erie Maritime Museum. Event is free and open to the public.

For more information visit:
FlagshipNiagara.org/plastic-waters



April 27– Little Mates Storytime at the Maritime @ 10:00 am

Kristal Ambrose from the Bahamas Plastic Movement will read “Stuff! Reduce, Re-use, Recycle” by Steven Krill. Then guests will have an opportunity to tour the “Plastic Waters” Exhibit, learn more about the effects of plastic pollution in our Great Lakes and what they can do to help sustain our waters. The fun, educational, hands-on activity, geared toward children aged 3-7, engages them in learning objectives in the areas of math, science and social studies.

May 9– Adopt-a-Beach™ cleanups @ 9:00 am/ Presque Isle State Park

Adopt-a-Beach cleanups throughout the park. Meet in the lobby of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr., Erie, PA. Register at www.greatlakesadopt.org.



May 9– Discovery Day @ 10:00 am– 2:00 pm/ Erie Maritime Museum

There is a world out there to be discovered! Fun, educational, hands-on activities include: knot tying, Life of a Sailor, face painting and maritime music. This year's family-friendly event will feature activities based on the plastic pollution in our lakes and oceans and its effects on the world around us.

May 17– Special Movie Presentation– *Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch* @ 2:00 pm

In this independent documentary film, journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun travels on a personal journey of discovery to uncover the truth about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, the effects of our plastic consumption and learns the problem is more than we could have ever imagined.



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