

## READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #51 BY THE SEA

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
BOOK	Baby Beluga	RAFFI
BOOK	Bears At The Beach Counting 10 TO 20	NIKI YEKTA
BOOK	The Gulls Of Edmund Fitzgerald	TRES SEYMOUR
BOOK	In The Ocean: Hide And Seek	DAWN APPERLEY
BOOK	Listen To The Rain	BILL MARTIN, JR. AND JOHN ARCHAMBAULT
BOOK	The Maggie B.	IRENE HAAS
BOOK	Make Way For Dumb Bunnies	SUE DENIM
BOOK	A Million Fish... More Or Less	PATRICIA C. MCKISSACK
BOOK	My Visit To The Aquarium	ALIKI
BOOK	Penguin Pete, Ahoy!	MARCUS PFISTER
BOOK	Sailaway Home	BRUCE DEGEN
BOOK	Sailor Cats	EMILY WHITTLE
BOOK	Say No Little Fish	CARLA DIJS
BOOK	Sea Animals	ANGELA ROYSTON
BOOK	Sea Turtles	GAIL GIBBONS
BOOK	The Seashore: A First Discovery Book	GALLIMARD JEUNESSE
BOOK	Those Summers	ALIKI
BOOK	The Whales	CYNTHIA RYLANT
BOOK	Whales	THE COUSTEAU SOCIETY
BOOK	What Lives In A Shell?	KATHLEEN WEIDNER ZOEHFELD
BOOK	What's It's Like To Be A Fish?	WENDY PFEFFER
BOARD BOOK	Little Toot	HARDIE GRAMATKY
BOARD BOOK	Moonbear's Canoe	FRANK ASCH
BIG BOOK	The Magic School Bus On The Ocean Floor	JOANNA COLE
RESOURCE BOOK	Jim Along, Josie: A Collection Of Folk Songs And Singing Games For Young Children	NANCY AND JOHN LANGSTAFF
BOOK & TAPE	Father Bear Comes Home	ELSE MINARICK
CASSETTE	Tom Chapin, Bill Squid	
VHS	A Boy, A Dog, And A Frog	
PUPPET	Clam Puppet	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Make aquariums out of boxes.** Line the inside of the box with torn tissue paper. Use colors found in the ocean. Paint stones for fish. Hang the stones with fishing line. If possible glue shells and sand to the bottom of the box.

**Play "Shark."** Cut posterboard into playing card shapes. On one card draw a shark. Print the word shark under the picture. On the remaining cards draw a picture of a fish. Print the word fish under each picture. Sit in a circle and sing the shark song to the tune of "*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.*" While singing this song everyone moves their hands like fish swimming.

I'm a fish as you can see,  
Swimming, swimming, happily.  
Side to side and up and down,  
Diving deep to look around,  
Swimming, swimming, happily,  
Hope a shark does not eat me!

**Choose a child to be shark.** Have the child walk around the inside of the circle and place a card face down in front of each child. Then the shark says "yum yum" and rubs his or her tummy. Everyone turns over their card. The child with the shark card collects all the fish cards and becomes the next shark.

**With your children** act out the following counting rhyme:

Three little fish swimming in the water,  
Swimming in the water,  
Swimming in the water.  
Three little fish swimming in the water,  
Bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble,  
SPLASH!

**Divide the children** into three groups. One the word "splash" one child in each group falls to the ground. Repeat the rhyme saying "two little fish" then "three little fish."

**The cassette** *Billy The Squid* by Tom Chapin contains many wonderful songs. The title song, "*Billy The Squid*" features fish. The song "*Bye Bye Dodo*" deals with ecology. Another great song is "*Happy Earth Day.*"

### **Ocean Shell**

I found a great big shell  
(*Hold hands cupped as if holding large shell*)  
Upon the ocean floor.  
And held it close up to my ear.  
I heard the roaring ocean  
I heard it very clear.  
It had such pretty colors.  
I took it home with me.  
And anytime I want to  
I hear the raring sea.

## **I'm a Great Big Whale**

I'm a great big whale,

Watch me swim.

Here is my blowhole,

*(point to back of head)*

Here are my fins.

*(wave hands against body)*

See my flip my tail as down I go,

*(pretend to dive)*

Then up I come and "Whoosh!" I blow.

*(raise arms above head to form spout)*

**Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities, and books such as these recommended titles:**

- *At The Beach* by Anne Rockwell. With short simple text, this book explores the world of the seashore through the eyes of the very young.
- *Fish Is Fish* by Leo Lionni. A tadpole, who has seen the world, tells a fish all about the wonderful things he has seen. Outstanding illustrations show the outlandish things the fish thinks the frog is describing.
- *Herman The Helper* by Robert Kraus. Herman is a well-mannered octopus who helps everyone.
- *One Morning In Maine* by Robert McCloskey. Sal and her family live on the Maine seacoast.
- *Ruth's Bake Shop* by Kate Spohn. Ruth, an octopus, avoids housework by doing what truly makes her happy baking.
- *Zoom At Sea* by Tim Wynne-Jones. Zoom the cat loved water. When he finds a map to the sea he takes off.