

BOOK LIST FOR DEI CURRICULUM

Author	Title	Interest level/Reading level
Austin, Heather	<u>Boatyard Ducklings</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Two young girls find a nest in their rowboat and watch the growth of the ducklings	
Baldwin, Robert F.	<u>This is the Sea that Feeds Us</u>	ages 9 to 12
	A good resource that explains the marine food chain in a way that appeals to both science and language teachers	
Berkes, Marianne	<u>Sea Shells by the Sea Shore</u>	ages 4 to 8
	A rhyming , counting story about discovering seashells as a young girl's gift for her grandmother and learning about what lived in them; resources are located at the back of the book	
Bradbury, Tom	<u>Scraggly's New Home*</u> and <u>Scraggly The Stowaway Cat*</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Two books about Scraggly's adventures with coastal illustrations	
Briggs, Kelly Paul	<u>Island Alphabet</u>	ages 5 to 9
	Introduces children to rhyming couplets and the islands off Maine's coast	
Brown, Margaret Wise Brown	<u>The Little Island</u>	ages 4 and up
	The little island changes with the seasons (a Caldecott Medal winner)	
Burleigh, Robert	<u>The Sea: Exploring Life on an Ocean Planet</u>	grades 3-8 (resource)
	The book covers storms, ports, pollution, diving, lighthouses, rescues, tides, plants and animals	
Carle, Eric	<u>A House for Hermit Crab</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Using the experiences of a hermit crab, the story teaches a valuable lesson about growing up and moving on	
Cooney, Barbara	<u>Island Boy</u>	ages 4 to 8
	A young boy from a large family that is living on Tibbetts Island, Maine	
	<u>Miss Rhumpius</u>	ages 4 to 8
	An older lady comes to live by the ocean and works to make her world beautiful for all to see	
Dr. Seuss	<u>Clam I am</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Norval the fish hosts a talk show with special marine guests	
DeVitt, Lee	<u>A Clam Named Sam</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Relates the antics of a clam; written for the author's grandchildren	

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- Dietz, Lew Andre ages 4 to 8
The Goodridge family's relationship with a harbor seal
- Dethier, Vincent Newberry: The Life and Times of a Maine Clam* ages 4 to 8
The adventures of a clam who sports a purple muffler
- Galloway, Ruth Clumsy Crab pre-K to K
A clumsy crab saves the day
- Goodale, Rebecca Island Dog pre-k to 1
A wordless picture book allows the children to supply the story of the dog's day
- Harper, Joel All the Way to the Ocean pre-K to 3
Teaches children about the concept of the watershed and pollution
- Hayes, Karel Lucky the Lobster Buoy ages 4 and up
A lobster buoy whose trap is always filled for Tim gets lost at sea
- Hodgkins, Fran Between the Tides ages 4 and up
Explains what happens when the tide recedes every 12 hours
- Hogan, Jamie Seven Days of Daisy ages 4 and up
A young girl awaits a visit from Nana
- Hollenbeck, Kathleen Lobster's Secret ages 4 to 8
Lobster emerges from his hiding place and hunts for food; molting makes him a target
- Hopkinson, Deborah Birdie's Lighthouse ages 4 to 9
The story of a young girl who keeps the light going during a storm
- Horowitz, Ruth Crab Moon ages 6 and up
In the middle of the night, Daniel and his mother witness the spawning of the horseshoe crabs
- Ipcar, Dahlov Lobsterman ages 4 and up
A young boy and his dad get ready to go lobstering
- Johnson, Eleanor Noyes Pirate, The Lighthouse Cat* ages 4 to 8
A barn cat gets a new home
- McCloskey, Robert One Morning in Maine* Sal loses her tooth in the mud ages 4 and up
Time of Wonder * A snapshot of coastal life ages 4 and up

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	<u>Burt Dow, Deep Water Man</u>	ages 3 and up
	A man saves his pet gull and himself in a raging storm	
Pallotta, Jerry	<u>Going Lobstering</u>	ages 5 and up
	A girl and boy spend a day lobstering	
	<u>The Ocean Alphabet Book</u>	ages 6 and up
	Teaches about ocean creatures in a creative way	
	<u>Dory Story</u>	ages 5 and up
	A young boy's adventure that teaches about the food chain	
Perrow, Angeli	<u>Lighthouse Dog to the Rescue</u>	ages 5 and up
	A boat is missing in a blizzard; a true story of the spaniel who helps	
Plourde, Lynn	<u>Between the Mountain and the Sea</u>	ages 4 and up
	Katahdin and Atlantic are feuding in this fable of miscommunication	
Points, Larry	<u>Ribbons of Sand</u>	all ages
	A good resource for beach discoveries	
Pringle, Laurence	<u>Come to the Ocean's Edge</u>	ages 4 to 8
	Children are introduced to the habitat in a 24 hour period of time	
Reynolds, Cynthia	<u>L is for Lobster</u> *	ages 4 to 9
	An alphabet book with interesting Maine facts	
	<u>Fishing for Numbers</u> *	ages 4 to 8
	A number book with many coastal references, for example 19 clams	
Roop, Peter and Connie	<u>Down East in the Ocean</u>	ages 4 and up
	A singing, rhyming book about ocean animals	
Roosa, Karen	<u>Beach Day</u>	ages 4 and up
	A poetic version of a day at the beach	
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<u>Hello Ocean</u>	age 4 and up
	Spending a day near the ocean	
Shue, Jenna	<u>Animal Island</u> *	ages 4 and up
	An adventure on an island off the coast of Jonesport and Beals	

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Silver, Donald One Small Square: Seashore ages 7 and up

One book in a series of science resources for children

Smith, George The Journey of the Little Red Boat ages 4 to 7

A little boat encounters many events on its trip down river to a new home

Smith, Harry ABC's of Maine* ages 4 to 7

An alphabet book with a Maine focus

Smith, Maggie Counting Our Way to Maine ages 4 to 7

A family visiting Maine has fun along the way

Van Dusen, Chris Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee ages 4 to 7

Mr. Magee and his dog, Dee have a whale of a tale to tell

The Circus Ship** ages 4 to 8

The shipwrecked animals wreak havoc for the people on a Maine island

Ward, Jennifer Somewhere in the Ocean ages 4 to 7

Rhyming, counting and singing are possible (animal facts and music included)

Weinberger, Jane Wee Peter Puffin* ages 4 to 7

Patti and Peter Puffin return to their island and Wee Peter is hatched; accurately depicts the life of the puffin as it migrates, mates and finds food for its family

Weisner, David Flotsam ages 4 to 10

A series of oceanpictures with no words leaves the storytelling to the reader

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner What Lives in a Shell ages 3 and up

A science book about crustaceans that make their homes in shells

Zolotow, Charlotte The Seashore Book ages 3-8

A poem that describes a day at the beach focusing on colors, sights, and sounds

Juvenile to Young Adult

Acheson, James The Lobster Gangs of Maine* ages 12 and up

An inside look at lobster fishermen by an anthropologist

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- Amsel, Sheri Everything Kids' Environment Book ages 9 to 12
Teaches what children can do to help preserve our environment; from the Everything Kids Series
- Bach, Richard Jonathan Livingston Seagull* ages 8 and up
A young seagull's need to fly rather than eat has a lesson for all of us
- Blanchard Peter, III We Were an Island ages 14 and up
The story of Art and Nan Kellam who lived on an island off the coast of Maine for 40 years
- Brace, Gerald Warner Between Wind and Water* ages 12 and up
A collection of chapters about life on and near the New England Coast
- Bradbury, Bianca Two on an Island ages 8 and up
a 9 and 12 yr old stranded for 3 days
- Brodeur, Ruth Wallace Steps in Time ages 12-14
In a summer on an island, a teenage girl learns much about her grandmother and herself
- Cerullo, Mary M. Sea Soup Phytoplankton and Sea soup: Zooplankton grades 5 to 8
Resources books to use in any marine science study (Teacher's guide available)
- Chase, Mary Ellen Silas Crocket* ages 12 and up
Depicts living and dying by the sea through four generations; a maritime classic
- Corson, Trevor The Secret Life of Lobsters ages 12 and up
A journalist writes about the lobster decline in the 80's, presenting conflicting viewpoints
- Day, Trevor Oceans and Beaches ages 8 and up
A resource that looks at many habitats of the oceans, climates, animals, plants and people
- Dobbins, Ruby K. Sheep Island Chronicles* and The Additional Keeper * ages 8 and up
Stories of growing up in Downeast Maine as recalled by a person who lived them
- Dodd, Anne Wescott The Story of the Sea Glass ages 4 and up
Nicole learns that a piece of red sea glass may be tied to a broken vase in Grandma's past; include how to make a sea glass suncatcher and the information about sea glass
- Fox, Paula Western Wind* ages 9 and up
Rebelling that she has been sent to her grandmother's island home, a young girl learns that the birth of her new brother had nothing to do with it

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- The Village by the Sea ages 9 and up
Emma's dad is ill and she is sent to her Aunt's house. Building a village from sea treasures found on the beach provides comfort to Emma
- Graham, Ada and Frank Puffin Island ages 8 and up
Twin brothers from Milbridge, Maine learn about the coastal habitat
- Graves, Sarah Several murder mysteries with Eastport Maine settings; Jacobia Tiptree and her friend Ellie White are the main characters ages 12 and up
Mallets Aforethought*, Nail Biter*, Repair to Her Grave*, The Dead Cat Bounce*, Tool and Die*, Trap Door*, Triple Witch*, Unhinged*, Wicked Fix*, Wreck the Halls*
- Greenlaw, Linda The Hungry Ocean ages 12 and up
Linda relates her story of a month long swordfishing trip and the realities of this life.
The Lobster Chronicles* ages 12 and up
Linda returns to her island to fish and settle down in the story of small town life.
- Harlow, Joan Hiatt Shadows in the Sea ages 9-adult
A WWII historical novel of a young girl's adventure living on a small island
- Heilman, Carl E. Coast of Maine ages 8 and up
Shows panoramic pictures of Maine's coast to Cobscook Bay
- Howland, Ethan Lobster War
- Jewett, Sarah Orne A White Heron* ages 6-adult
A 9-year-old girl knows where the rare white heron nests. She has to decide whether or not to reveal its whereabouts
- Kurlansky, Mark Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World ages 12 and up
A history that chronicles the cod fishery and its decline
- Keene, Carolyn Natural Enemies the Nancy Drew files 121 ages 8 to 14
Something is wrong at the Rocky Isle marine Institute in Rockport, Maine
- Kress, Stephen Project Puffin ages 10 and up
Learn all about puffins in this restoration project in Maine
- MacLachlan, Patricia Cassie Binegar* ages 10 and up
During the summer by the sea, Cassie tries to find order in her life after losing her grandfather

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Molloy, Anne Uncle Andy's Island* ages 9 and up

Boys growing up on the coast experiencing a way of life in a harsh environment

Moodie, Craig Seaborn age 10 and up

A 16-year-old boy is faced with a family separation and a boating accident

National Geographic Along a Rocky Shore ages 8 and up

A resource book in the series Kids Want to Know with over 30 pictures of rocky habitat

Roop, Peter and Connie Keep the Lights Burning, Abby ages 7 and up

Based on a true story of a young girl who kept the light going

Ogilvie, Elisabeth ages 12 and up

Many young and older readers enjoy these novels that deal with the joys and difficulties of life on the coast of Maine in settings from the early 1900's to the 1980's. The descriptions of coastal weather, coastal areas, and coastal life is very accurate. The books can be read for historical value as well. Many of the groupings are sequels, and it may be more appropriate to read one before the other. The novels are grouped as sets whenever possible. Many of the novels are currently out of print but are available at local libraries.

Young Adult: A Forgotten Girl (Windswept series), Becky's Island, Ceiling of Amber (A teenage brother and sister try to work the family lobster boat and traps after the sudden death of their father), Come Aboard and Bring Your Dory*, The Face of Innocence*, Masquerade at the Sea House, The Pigeon Pair*, Whistle for a Wind* [With an 1820's time frame, this book is about Jamie Bennett the patriarch of the Bennett family while he lived in Brigport (based on Matinicus Island) before he settled on Bennett's Island. Ships are being lured onto the rocks] The Young Islander, Turn Around Twice*

Older Teens and up:

The Bennett Island Family books are grouped into the Tide Trilogy, Joanna Bennett's Island, and the Lover's Trilogy

High Tide At Noon*(Book I), Storm Tide *(Book II), and The Ebbing Tide* (Book III) With her husband Nils off in the Pacific during WWII, Joanna, a young wife and mother tries to cope without him of the Tide Trilogy

Answer in the Tide (Book VII) and The Day Before Winter* (Book IX-Joanna's family during the Vietnam Era) of Joanna Bennett's Island

The Dawning of the Day* (I), The Season's Hereafter* (II), and Strawberries in the Sea* (III) of the Lover's Trilogy

Weep and Know Why*(A young girl returns to an island where she first fell in love. The former boyfriend now lives there and caretakes his grandfather's property which is now preserved land. Mysterious events take place that make her question herself and him. What is really going on at Cape Silver) and Dreaming Swimmer of the Mirabelle Taggart Series

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Jennie about to Be*, World of Jennie G.*, and Jennie Gilroy* of the Jennie Trilogy

Bellwood (A young girl comes as the governess to a young disabled boy only to discover there is something very dangerous in this seemingly peaceful setting), Call Home the Heart* (When a woman tries to help an unwed mother, many others are upset), Dancer in Yellow (A young wife and mother is faced with her husband's infidelity), How Wide the Heart* (about Joanna Bennett's daughter from her first marriage), Image of a Lover*, No Evil Angel (A story of a man who controls a town in a sort of feudal like system until the citizens rebel), The Road to Nowhere*, Rowan Head* (A young girl takes a position to care for an elderly lady whose mental state is fragile-three adult sons cause the girl to have many adventures), Silent Ones, The Summer of the Osprey* (When a strange man moves in on the lobster fishing on Bennett's Island and rents his home to a mysterious red haired young woman, the islanders do not know what is really going on), The Day Before Winter, A Theme for Reason* (A young woman finds all the reasons to keep living after she had lost all hope), There May Be Heaven* (A young man struggles to grow up in a family of older brothers who jealously try to run his life.), Waters on a Starry Night* (Struggling to raise four young daughters, Thora and Lyle were married as teenagers and have made financial mistakes along the way, but their love for each other had never been questioned until now), When the Music Stopped*, Where the Lost Aprils Are, The Witch Door* (A family grows up with a father missing at war; only a few people know where he really is and what he has been doing.), Woman's Reputation, and others.

Wass, Philmore Lighthouse in My Life* ages 12 and up

Growing up on a lighthouse

Woodard, Colin The Lobster Coast* ages 12 and up

Tells the story of lobstermen and their efforts to protect the resource

*Available at Peabody Memorial Library in Jonesport, Maine

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Other books to be explored:

The Little Maid of Old Maine (Alice Turner Curtis); Riptide (Douglas Preston); AUTHORS- Kevin Henkes, Cynthia Rylant (Henry and Mudge); Karma Willson Bear Series are favorites; Jan Brett, Biscuit stories, Eric Carle; Lois Ehlert, Mo Williams (elephant and piggy), Henry Beston, Franklyn Branley, Harold Burton, Clifford, Stephen Costanza, Mary Morton Cowan, (continue in Maine Indies from c's,); Olive's Ocean; Schmidt, Gary D., Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy; Kelly, Jacqueline, The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate; Agell, Charlotte, Welcome Home or something Like it; Adshear, Gladys Lucy, Casco; Bobicki, Mo, Island Fisherman: A Lobster village Story' Blain, John, The Lost City: A Rick Brant Electronic Adventure on Spindrift Island; Brodeur, Ruth Wallace, Steps in Time; Buzzeo, Toni, The Sea Chest; Carey, Janet Lee, Molly's Fire; Carlstrom, Nancy White Grandpappy; Clark, Catherine, Maine Squeeze; Coastsworth, Elizabeth Thief Island; Crossman, David A. The Mystery of the Black Moriah; Fritzhand, James Life is a Lonely Place; Hahn, Mary Downing Look for me by moonlight and deep and dark and dangerous; Garaer, Nancy meeting Melanie; Hatcher, Maynard The Liberty Pole; Horvath, Polly The Canning Season; Hotze, Solace; Howland, Ethan, Lobster; Jane, Mary Childs, Pemaquid Point Mystery; Jones, Kimberly K. Sand Dollar Summer;; Kellogg, Elijah Elm Island Serves,, Jackie French Koller; Ladd, Elizabeth Janie and the Enchanted Island; Lasky, Kathryn, Jem's Island' Laliber, Patricia Adventure at Black Rock Cave; Libhart, Virginia Carrie's Dream' Lindburgh, Anne Morrow The Worry Week; Love, Pamela The Lighthouse Seeds; Mabee, Andrea Dory Glory; Macdonald, Evelyn W., The Turning Tide; Mead, Alice, Walking the Edge and Soldier Mom; Murphy, Catherine Frey, Songs in Silence; Olsen, Arielle North, the Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter, Page, Hateherine Hall Mystery at and Inn; Parsons, Elizabeth The Upside Down Cat; Peck, Sylvia Seal Child; Perrow, Angeli Sirius the Dog Star and the Captain's Castaway' Phillips, Ethel Calvert, The Saucy Betsy; Podhocki, Ehtel The Gazebo; Rich, Louise Dickinson, Star Island; Rollerson, Darrel A. Boy and a Deer, A Boy Called Plum; Roy, Nightmare Island; Rupp, Rebecca, Dragon of Lonely Island; Sargent, Ruth Sexton the Island Merry-go-round and Tunnel Beneath the Sea; Scarpino, Jane Nellie the Light House Dog; Shepard, Steven Fogbound; Susan Hand Shetterly The Tinker of Salt Cove; Simpson, Dorothy Island in the Bay; Skurzynski, Gloria Out of the Deep; Smith, Harry Michael and the Mary Day; Sonnemark, Laura A Summer for Always; Stengel, Joyuce A. Mystery at Kittiwake Bay; Stolz, Mary The Seagulls Woke Me; Thomas, Ken Marooned; Wart, Lea Stopping to Home; Brodeur-Wallace, Ruth Heron Cove and Seaward Born; Water, John G. Summer of the Seals; Whitehead, Roberta Wish I May; Wilgus, ASA Just One Cat;

