



Goleta Valley Library Book to Action Selection to Make Waves

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Wanting to take inspiration for social action from a powerful book, Goleta Valley Action program, which runs March-June, has chosen Ocean Country by Liz Cunningham as its community-read selection.

After a near-drowning experience, Cunningham decided to travel the world to visit and document the efforts to rehabilitate the endangered oceans. This led to her writing Ocean Country, a stirring, hopeful.

Ocean Country will allow readers to think carefully about social action, what they can do to bring about beneficial change, and give everyone the opportunity to participate in a civic engagement project.

Free copies of Ocean Country will be available at the Goleta Valley Library, 500 N. Santa Barbara Street, until supplies last.

A number of activities are planned in conjunction with the Book to Action program, including a grant-writing workshop with support from California Center for the Book, and in partnership with Goleta Valley Library Services and the Friends of the Goleta Valley Library.

Featured events include:

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Book discussion about Ocean Country.

Saturday, March 23, 2-4 p.m.: Beach-inspired wreath craft for adults. Registration at the library or call 805-964-7878.

Saturday, April 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m: Ocean Country author Cunningham visits Goleta Valley Library to talk about her book.

Saturday, April 13, 2:30-4 p.m: Under the sea craft event. Drop-in craft event for all ages. Participants can make shark hats, paperbag seals, and whale photo frames.

Sunday, April 14, 2-3 p.m: Undersea photography presentation. Local photographer shares his pictures of the world's oceans and their animals; a family-friendly event.

Photographs by Richard Salas will be on display in the library throughout April.

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.-noon: Volunteer fair. Learn about volunteer opportunities with local environmental organization; representatives will be present to answer questions.

Saturday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.: Ocean art for adults who don't paint. Learn to make a painting the quick and easy way.

Saturday, June 8, 9-11 a.m.: Family beach clean-up day at Haskell's Beach. Celebrate National Ocean Day and volunteer to help clean up the beach in the spirit of Ocean Country. All supplies provided.

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