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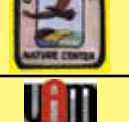
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This Month's Theme: Amazing Ocean Life!



Electric Ray

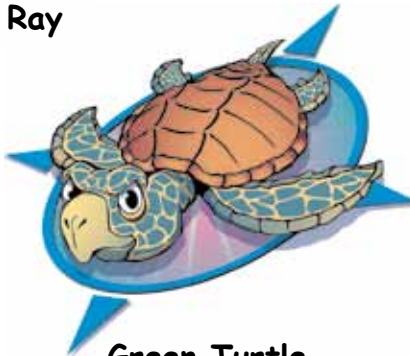
The Santa Barbara Channel is home to many animals with amazing abilities. Electric shocks! Super strength! Seeing colors beyond the rainbow! These animals use their specialized body parts and surprising skills to survive in the wild. The rich diversity of life makes the ocean a place for exploration, discovery, and wonder. Each amazing animal plays an important role in keeping the ocean healthy and vibrant.

Despite their incredible strengths and abilities, ocean animals need help fighting harmful pollution that enters the ocean. Who can help save them? YOU! Each time you pick up after your dog or ride a bike instead of riding in a car, you are helping to protect the ocean and the amazing animals that live there. Things that you do at home, in your neighborhood, and at your school, can make a difference! Throw trash into closed containers. Shop with reusable bags. Ask your family to recycle motor oil and keep the car free of oil leaks. These simple things will stop pollution before it ever reaches the sea!



Two-Spot Octopus

A super shape-shifter, the octopus can change its whole body to fit through spaces the size of its eyeball.



Green Turtle

Turtles use Earth's magnetic field to navigate around the ocean's highway system.



Bat Star

Sea stars have an amazing ability to regrow their rays if they lose one.

For more information about amazing ocean life...
* Check out the "Superpowers!" exhibit at the Ty Warner Sea Center, or
* Visit www.sbnature.org

Channel Islands: — Amazing Ocean Life — Amazing Habitats

Did you know that there is a Marine Protected Area right in your own front yard where these amazing animals live in their natural environment? The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and National Park take care of a very special place in the ocean where these and many other ocean creatures live. The protected area was put in place 30 years ago after an oil spill near Santa Barbara injured some of the animals and habitats.

Five islands (Santa Barbara, Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel) and the ocean around them are part of the park and sanctuary. There are many amazing habitats including large underwater forests of giant kelp, meadows of eelgrass, and rocky reefs. Also, shipwrecks on the seafloor and artifacts from Chumash Native Americans can be found here. You can ride a boat out to visit the Channel Islands to see these amazing animals up close.

To find out more, visit <http://channelislands.noaa.gov> or www.nps.gov/chis



Amazing Ocean Life Word Search

Circle the 12 words listed below. Words appear straight across, backward straight across, up and down, down and up and diagonally.

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Explore Books On Our Amazing Sea At The Library This Summer!

Would you like to explore the diversity of life in the sea? Here are some favorites that can be found at the branches of the Santa Barbara Library System.

- Ocean* by Miranda MacQuitty (Eyewitness Books)
- The ABCs of Oceans* by Bobbie Kalman
- Gone Fishing: Ocean Life by the Numbers* by David McLimans
- Down, Down, Down: a Journey to the Bottom of the Sea* by Steve Jenkins
- Ocean Hide and Seek* by Jennifer Evans Kramer
- The Kelp Condo Crisis* by Evelyn Dabritz
- The Beachcomber's Guide to Seashore Life of California*
- A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle
- Does a Sea Cow Say Moo?* by Terry Webb Harshman
- The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen
- Swimmy* by Leo Lionni

When you visit the library this summer, be sure to join the Summer Reading Program, and "Splash Into A Good Book!"