

# Gina Cerrito to Speak at Ocean Explorium to GIRLS

The Ocean Explorium welcomes Gina Cerrito as this week's speaker in the series **Girls Interested in Real Life Science (GIRLS)**. Ms. Cerrito is a Marine Educator with the New England Aquarium in Boston.



Ms. Cerrito holds a Masters of Education degree in Museum Education and completed an internship at the New England Aquarium prior to becoming a full-time staff member. Her responsibilities range from professional teacher development to managing a national climate change grant. As the coordinator of the Women in Science program, Ms. Cerrito has been able to introduce a new generation to a wide variety of marine careers.

The Ocean Explorium, with generous support from the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, presents the third annual speaker series aimed at promoting the "STEM" subjects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to girls and young women.

The **Girls Interested in Real Life Science (GIRLS)** series runs each Thursday in March. Formerly named Women in Science + Engineering (WiSE), the series features inspiring speakers drawn from professions wherein the STEM subjects play a major role.

The series continues with:



**March 17:** Gina Cerrito, Marine Educator with New England Aquarium

**March 24:** Faith Ball, Engineer with Lockheed Martin Sippican

**March 31:** Rhonda Moniz, Dive Safety Instructor, Entrepreneur

Doors open at 5:00 P.M. each Thursday in March for refreshments and mingling in the Ocean Explorium before the talks begin at 5:30 P.M. This series is free and open to the public thanks to the support of the Women's Fund.

Girls and boys in grades 5 – 12 are encouraged to attend. Students will receive a special pin to indicate attendance at each week's event. The Ocean Explorium is happy to work with local educators so students can earn extra credit. Contact Abbey Spargo if you would like to arrange a more formal program.

The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford and is handicap accessible via the rear entrance. Call 508.994.5400 for after-hours access. For more information, contact Abbey Spargo at [aspargo@oceanexplorium.org](mailto:aspargo@oceanexplorium.org) or 508.994.5400, or visit the Ocean Explorium website at [www.oceanexplorium.org](http://www.oceanexplorium.org).