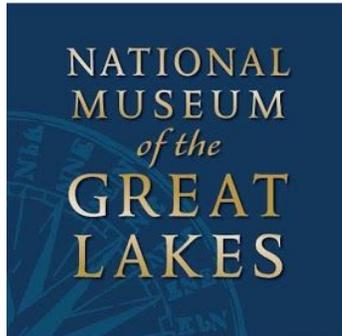




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Museum Reimagines Youth Learning with New Student, Teacher and Parent Resources



April 17, 2020 (*Toledo, Ohio*) – In an effort to help educators, parents, and students stay connected to Great Lakes History, the National Museum of the Great Lakes (NMGL) has reimagined Captain Scupper’s Kids Club to become their newest virtual initiative.

“We all want to do what we can to help others during this incredibly difficult time. Providing free, online resources in the form of videos, interactive learning tools, and educator guides is one way we can help combat growing feelings of isolation along with providing educational support tools during this time at home,” says Kate Fineske, the museum’s Director of Communication and Development.

The new Kids Club landing page at nmgl.org/kid-zone/ will be updated regularly and includes online and downloadable maritime activities for kids of all ages along with teacher and parent resources to support learning standards.

“Secondary educators and students may want to explore resources that interact with the museum’s new *Port of Toledo: Then and Now* online exhibit,” shares Education and Visitor Experience Director Ellen Kennedy. “Primary students can check out Captain Scupper’s Kids Book Club or learn the signal flag alphabet using an easy, at-home activity guide.”

NMGL also released information on *Color the Colonel*, a contest for kids to share their artistic talents and coloring skills using original art drawn by cartoonist Don Lee. Additionally, on Tuesday, April 21, “A Book Before Bedtime with the National Museum of the Great Lakes” will premiere on Facebook and YouTube featuring a story-time video of the museum’s original children’s book *The Adventures of Kitty Smoke and Her Friends*.

Over the last several weeks, with stay-at-home orders in effect, the National Museum of the Great Lakes (NMGL) has substantially increased its virtual education initiatives including a continuously updated online exhibit, two new video series, blog posts, and virtual museum tours. All content is free and mission-focused to preserve and make known the history of the Great Lakes.

About the National Museum of the Great Lakes: Founded in 1944, the Great Lakes Historical Society has been preserving our shared cultural history by publishing a quarterly journal *Inland Seas*® since 1945; by operating a maritime museum since 1952; by offering educational programs to the general public since 1956; by conducting underwater archaeological research across the Great Lakes since 2001; and by managing the *Col. James M. Schoonmaker* Museum Ship since 2014 and *Museum Tug Ohio* since 2019.

WHAT: National Museum of the Great Lakes Virtual Youth Learning Tools
WHERE: WEBSITE | Captain Scupper’s Kids Club: nmgl.org/kid-zone/
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