

Exhibits For All Ages

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ship wreck, the more they see: sharks, an octopus, a giant sea turtle, schools of small fish, larger reef fish. A reef room volunteer uses a flashlight to single out individual specimens and tells students what it's like helping newborn sea turtle hatchlings make their way from a nest at the foot of the dunes to the sea.

Emerging from the reef room youngsters gape at the museum's collection of sharks' jaws, a dental set for every species of shark found off the Eastern Atlantic coast. Seashells, one of every kind that can be found locally.

Here also are more exhibits unique to this museum: a wave tank that shows viewers the changes to the shoreline through the four seasons; an eight-minute demonstration explains the relationship of the tides to the changing alignment of the rotating earth with the sun and moon; another exhibit that vividly illustrates the content of sea water.

And there's more to come. The Art Loft opened upstairs Easter weekend, featuring prints by local professional artists that add to understanding of the area. "All of the prints feature a coastal theme," said contributing artist Timberly Adams.

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A BLACK BEAR, an otter and other specimens native to the area spark questions and comments as volunteer Catherine Norman introduces students to the animal room.

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