All About Grunion

Did you know that in the spring & summer months when the earth, sun & the moon are aligned in the night sky a spectacular sight happens at Cabrillo Beach ~ it’s called a grunion run!

Thousands of small, silvery fish come in with the tide, wiggle their way onto the sand and lay their eggs along the shoreline. Scientists have studied this unique phenomenon for decades, and are still trying to understand how these dazzling fish and their unique behavior are linked with the moon, the stars and the tides.

Learn more about the grunion fish and how we think they might navigate their way to our shores during the highest tides.

Just visit your library’s online digital collection & discover the variety of eResources available to you. Download library eBooks and eAudiobooks to your laptop, tablet, iPad or any other mobile device.

Browse, checkout and borrow these one-of-a-kind books on the elusive grunion fish. As well as, other unique books that highlight some of the extraordinary places, marvels & wonders that connect us to the natural world and beyond!

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars” ~ Les Brown
All About Grunion Book List by Grade

Preschool & Kindergarten
Eileen Ryan McMullen / the Little Grunion Greeter: A Grunion Tale
Rebecca & James McDonald / I am the Moon

1st & 2nd
Suzanne Robitaille / Grunion Run
Lisa Van Der Wielen / Luna Lucy

3rd & 4th
Alix Lomas / On the Run: The Story of the Grunion
Dean Robbins / the Astronaut Who Painted the Moon: The True Story of Alan Bean

5th & 6th
Ann Stepp / GRUNION: Fish out of Water
Jo Schofield & Fiona Danks / Wild Things: Over 100 Magical Outdoor Adventures

7th & 8th
Edward R. Ricciuti / Dancers on the Beach: The Story of the Grunion
Tristan Gooley / The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs: Use Outdoor Clues to Find Your Way

9th & UP
Karen L.M. Martin / Beach - Spawning Fishes: Reproduction in an Endangered Ecosystem
Mike Schaadt & Ed Mastro / San Pedro's Cabrillo Beach

“We all shine on, like the moon, and the stars, and the sun”
~ John Lennon