Vision: To develop a Great Lakes-literate public capable of effectively contributing to the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the Great Lakes.

The Center for Great Lakes Literacy (CGLL) is a collaborative effort led by Sea Grant educators throughout the Great Lakes watershed. The Center fosters informed and responsible decisions that advance basin-wide stewardship by providing hands-on experiences, educational resources and networking opportunities that promote Great Lakes literacy among an engaged community of educators, scientists and citizens.

Signature CGLL Offerings

- Annual Great Lakes Shipboard Science workshops that connect educators with scientists aboard the EPA’s R/V Lake Guardian;
- Webinars and social media postings featuring pressing Great Lakes issues;
- Land-based watershed workshops that facilitate strong community-school partnerships resulting in action-oriented Great Lakes stewardship and restoration activities; Great Lakes Awareness Day events for the public at prominent educational institutions—aquariums, zoos, museums, etc.;
- Limno Loan Program for Hydrolab water quality monitoring equipment;
- Educator Day at the International Association for Great Lakes Research Conference
- Citizen science and other volunteer activities that create opportunities for adults to become involved in watershed restoration. Information on upcoming CGLL events can be found at www.cgll.org.
The Great Lakes Sea Grant Network has long taken a leadership role in increasing opportunities for educators, their students, and others to learn more about and become better stewards of the Great Lakes environment.

**CGLL’s Specialized Programming**

- Fosters new interactions between educators and Great Lakes scientists
- Offers hands-on field activities and continued support from Sea Grant education staff.
- Helps teachers become more confident with their own knowledge levels, thereby increasing the likelihood of them incorporating Great Lakes ecosystem information into their curricula.
- Underscores the critical role played by teachers in preparing the next generation of informed citizens
- Results in new community stewardship activities developed by students and facilitated by CGLL teacher participants.
- Many of the CGLL programs originated from the Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE) Great Lakes, which was funded for five years by the National Science Foundation and NOAA-Sea Grant and connected over 2,000 educators to 400 scientists. While continuing these successful programs, CGLL is broadening its efforts to sustain and expand its community of practice to a larger network of Great Lakes educators, scientists, and citizen science groups who will become committed to stewardship of our greatest freshwater resource.

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