



My Little Book of River Otters Story Time

A Distance Learning Guide for Educators and Guardians

Save The River is committed to providing quality educational programs and resources for formal and informal educators throughout our region. Save The River has developed Virtual Learning Guides and Resources for students, parents, and educators who are interested in learning more about the St. Lawrence River.

My Little Book of River Otters was written by local author Hope Irvin Marston. Students can follow along as the story is read aloud, learning about a new family of river otters.

Heather White reads the story and encourages young readers to think about how otters learn to swim, slide, and survive. Learn about how an otter uses its tail!



Join Heather in the accompanying video as she travels to [Zoo New York](#) in Watertown, NY! Meet Ricky and Otis, the resident river otters. Zoo New York displays only animals of New York State, and provides knowledge and motivation to conserve nature in New York State through science-based natural and cultural experiences.

My Little Book of River Otters can be integrated into classroom curriculum and addresses New York State Science and (or) ELA Learning Standards with a focus on K-3 grade levels. Save The River can work with you to tailor pre-and post-discussion content to meet your classroom needs. There are many additional fun and educational activities you can use to engage your students with St. Lawrence River island habitats either in the classroom or during distance learning. Make sure to visit our website: www.savetheriver.org and follow our [Facebook Page](#) to learn more about what Save The River is doing to protect our waterways, and to stay up to date on upcoming adult and youth educational opportunities.

Ricky and Otis photo: Zoo New York

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CURRICULUM RESOURCES

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Subjects: [Invasive Species](#), [Outdoor Observations](#), [Journaling and Nature Activities](#), [I Fish New York](#), [Caregiver, Parent, and Educator Resources at Home](#), [Quick Family Activities for Inside or Outside](#), [NYS Conservationist For Kids Magazine](#), [Animal Tracks](#)

Grade Level: K-12

Website Link: Click on each topic link to the access the website (above)

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Subjects: Conservation careers, live animal webcams, fish and aquatic conservation, fisheries science, junior duck stamp contest, designing fish friendly culverts,

Grade Level: K-12

Website Link: [USFWS Classroom Curriculum and Resources](#)

Zoo New York

Subjects: Native animals, conservation, EdZOOcation, animals of New York State

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