

# SUNKEN CITIES

## AGES

Teens/tweens

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Explore the mysteries of the ocean floor with this fun program all about ancient (or mythical) sunken cities. Stories of Atlantis and other “lost cities” can be found throughout history, and can be recreated on a small scale in your library today! Suggested runtime: 60–90 min.



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## MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

Materials:

- LEGOs, oil-based clay, or other building materials
- Doll house décor or fairy garden supplies
- Large clear storage tubs, sealed plastic boxes, or fish tanks
- Tables and chairs
- Water

To prepare, gather materials and books to display on Atlantis, sunken cities, and ancient civilizations.

### TIP:

If your library has screening rights, consider showing the 2001 animated movie *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* while participants build their underwater cities.

Instructions:

1. Speak about the legend of Atlantis, real-world archeological finds under the sea, and show photos and artistic renditions of such sites.
2. Teens/tweens work individually or in groups, and choose their own materials.
3. Put the cities in clear plastic tubs and fill with water to create sunken worlds!
4. If space allows, display the cities in the library.

## UNIQUE SPACE AND/OR PERSONNEL NEEDS

Solo-librarian friendly.

## RESOURCES

### Web

List of underwater cities to explore from *The Travel*: <https://bit.ly/3yDUpVP>

“Legend of Atlantis” from *National Geographic*: <https://bit.ly/3yICm0z>

### Books

#### Non-fiction

*Atlantis* (2019) By Paige V. Polinsky (children’s)

*Meet Me in Atlantis: Across Three Continents in Search of the Legendary Sunken City* (2016) by Mark Adams (YA/adult)

*Into the Planet: My Life as a Cave Diver* (2020) by Jill Heinerth (YA/adult)

#### Fiction

*Imaginary Girls* (2011) by Nova Ren Suma (YA)

*New York 2041* (2017) by Kim Stanley Robinson (YA)

*Dark Life* (2010) by Kat Falls (YA)