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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FAU DIVISION OF RESEARCH
PRESENT “THE HEALTH OF OUR OCEANS: WHY YOU SHOULD CARE”
WITH JIM SULLIVAN, PH.D.
DECEMBER 19, 2019, 2:00–3:00PM, DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (November 15, 2019) – More than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by oceans, and our survival is highly dependent on their stability. Join Florida Atlantic University’s Jim Sullivan, Ph.D., as he shares the latest information and research in “The Health of Our Oceans: Why You Should Care.” In this free presentation at the City of Boca Raton’s Downtown Library, Dr. Sullivan will talk about the state of our oceans, including activities that negatively affect their health, along with the tangible repercussions that will only intensify with time. Topics include global warming, climate change, sea level rise, ocean acidification, pollution, and harmful algal blooms.

Dr. Sullivan joined FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in 2015 and was named Executive Director in 2018. Previously, he held senior positions as research faculty at the University of Rhode Island’s Graduate School of Oceanography and as a senior oceanographer for Sea-Bird Scientific, which manufactures instruments for measuring and monitoring ocean activity. He has received funding through major federal science agencies, including the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Oceanographic Partnership Program, Office of Naval Research, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and National Institutes of Health. His research interests include biological and physical mechanisms that control the spatial-temporal dynamics of phytoplankton populations, harmful algal bloom dynamics, bioluminescence, and the development and use of optical and autonomous sampling instrumentation and analytical techniques to study these complex processes.

The FAU Research in Action series is a yearlong collaboration between Florida Atlantic University’s Division of Research and the City of Boca Raton Libraries in which researchers share their innovative work and seek input from the community. Oyuki De Santiago Poletz, Program Services Librarian, notes, “Boca Raton is fortunate to have an active research university in our own backyard. This series is an excellent opportunity for our residents to engage with the experts at Florida Atlantic University and contribute to the direction of ground-breaking research.”

“The Health of Our Oceans: Why You Should Care” is free and open to the public. Register through the calendar at bocalibrary.org or call the library at 561-393-7852.



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