The Maine Science Festival is focused on celebrating and highlighting the science that happens in Maine on a daily basis, primarily through our Festival celebrations in March. However, since we here at the MSF know that really great science is happening every day in Maine all over the state, we have created a series of events that are significantly smaller than a full festival: MSF Pop-up events. These can be a talk, a presentation, a film screening – something that you would expect to find during the Festival itself, but held in different locations around the state during other months. This allows us to keep a focus on Maine science throughout the year, and encourage people to join us at the full MSF.

2018

April 30th, Exploring the Ocean in the 21st Century a talk by Sylvia Earle, with University of Maine; in Orono. More than 1100 people attended this talk by the legendary marine scientist.

September 12th, Story Collider: Breaking Boundaries with The 1932 Criterion Theatre, an evening of stories about science; in Bar Harbor.

December 8, Maine Digital Festival with Project>Login a series of stations and workshops for attendees to experience different coding languages and activities; in Augusta.

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January 31st, Science behind Window Dressers with Sharon Klein from the University of Maine. A talk about the science of how window inserts work to help reduce heat loss, modeled energy and emissions savings from research conducted at the University of Maine, and additional non-monetary benefits of inserts and the community workshops that build them; in Bangor.

February 5th, Aquaculture on Land with Whole Oceans. A look at the science behind recirculating aquaculture systems to grow Atlantic Salmon; in Bucksport.

February 10th, There’s Science in My Beer with Foundation Brewing Company. A deep dive into the science of carbon dioxide, nitrogen and oxygen in beer; in Portland.

February 28th, Salmon in Maine with NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service Maine Field Station and the Maine Discovery Museum, as part of the International Year of the Salmon; in Bangor.

March 7th, Tap Takeover with Nocturnem Draft Haus. Breweries from all over the state have taken on the challenge of brewing a Maine Science Festival-worthy beer, coupled with a talk about beer science; in Bangor.

April 26th - May 5th, City Nature Challenge an international competition and celebration of wildlife; in urban areas of Maine from the southern tip, through Lewiston-Auburn, up past Bangor.

May 4th, Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit with Marie Curie with STEM on Stage and Mechanics’ Hall. Digital theatre screening of the film, followed by discussion; in Portland.

May 4th, Maine Discovery Museum – Stories of Aquafarming in Maine an afternoon of stories about aquafarming in Maine; in Bangor.

May 9th, The Mustard Seed Bookstore – Stories of Aquafarming in Maine; an evening of stories about aquafarming in Maine; in Bath.

May 29th, Physics of the Bicycle with John Thompson from the University of Maine and Erik daSilva from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, in partnership with Walk-n-Roll and Fork & Spoon; in Bangor.

September 9th, Chebeague Island Historical Society: Stories of Aquafarming; an evening of stories about aquafarming in Maine; in Chebeague Island.

September 21st, Owl-Mania at Fall Fest with Hirundo Wildlife Refuge; in Old Town.