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The Legend of the Lost Emerald. Photo Credit: PBS Wisconsin Education

2022 International Serious Play Awards Gold Medal Winner Icon. Photo Credit: Serious Play Awards

PBS Wisconsin Education video game wins international honors

The Legend of the Lost Emerald, a PBS Wisconsin Education point-and-click adventure video game, won a gold medal in the 2022 International Serious Play Awards Program.

[The International Serious Play Awards](#) honor outstanding commercial and student products which incorporate game elements and were created for use in education or training. Entries are judged on the following criteria – orientation, engagement, interactivity/feedback, learning objectives, assessment, aesthetics and gameplay.

Released in February, *The Legend of the Lost Emerald* provides learners in grades 4-6 the opportunity to use critical thinking and historical inquiry skills by stepping into the shoes of Jules, a maritime archaeologist. Players dive underwater and gather clues to build evidence and uncover the real treasure – the stories of shipwrecks inspired by real Great Lakes history. The game was produced by PBS Wisconsin Education, Wisconsin Sea Grant, Field Day Learning Games, an educator advisory group of Wisconsin teachers, and play-tested by over 500 students in Wisconsin classrooms.

“I have seen *The Legend of the Lost Emerald* spark so many fun and meaningful learning experiences for kids,” PBS Wisconsin director of education Alyssa Tsaogong said. “Creating this game with and for educators from start to finish made it what it is today: a high-quality, engaging, and beautiful learning adventure!”

Kate Seibel, a fourth-grade teacher at Auburndale Elementary School is one of more than a dozen Wisconsin educators who helped design *The Legend of the Lost Emerald*.

“The game is this beautiful package – the diversity in it, the people in different roles, looking for evidence, going through the clues and how the parts connect,” Seibel said. “This game is how I can get my amazing students a toe in the water of maritime archaeology.”

The Legend of the Lost Emerald is available for free online access at pbswisconsineducation.org/emerald.

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