Heading to ALA? Come see us at Booth 2162!

Through the STAR_Net project, the National Center for Interactive Learning and the ALA Public Programs Office are working with other national partners to bring STEM programming resources, activities, grants, networking opportunities, and more to libraries. Visit us to learn more! Mention that you saw our newsletter, and we'll give you a set of 25 Eclipse Shades to use with your 2017 Eclipse programs!

Not going to make it to ALA this year? Stay tuned for next month's newsletter to learn more!

Frontiers of STEM Learning Webinar Series

Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey Webinar May 18th, 2016
12PT/1MT/2CT/3ET

This month’s webinar comes from a request from STAR_Net Libraries to have a Space Science primer, to help with program/activity facilitation. This interactive webinar will take you on a journey through our Solar System, and Beyond, providing you with the tools and knowledge to conduct your own space-based programming!

To register, please click here The password to register is “star1”

This webinar will be VoiP only, so you will need to use a laptop, or a desktop computer with a microphone and headset (there will be no call-in option)

If you have any problems with your registration, please contact Anne Holland (aholland@spacescience.org) for assistance.

Miss our Past Webinars? Get them Here!

To view our archived webinars, please visit:
http://community.starnetlibraries.org/webinars-archive/

New Blog Posts Available!

An Even Briefer History of Time

Have you ever noticed that the older you get; the more time seems to fly? ....to continue reading, click here.

Host a BioBlitz at the Library

As part of Earth Day celebrations,
Mercury Transit: Did You Spot It?  
SSI Staff caught a glimpse of the Mercury transit this morning on our 4" Star Blast Telescope! (Yes, we had a filter, no business office staff were harmed in the making of this story). The picture below was taken with an cell phone camera held up to the telescope lense! Did your library have an event? Please tell us about it so we can highlight you in our next newsletter.

Are you Ready for the All American Solar Eclipse in 2017?  
Is your library planning to have an eclipse party in 2017? Check out these sites, and stay tuned as we plan some great eclipse opportunities for our STAR_Net Libraries! We used the Mercury transit this morning to test some great technology and tips we hope to share with you soon!

NASA Eclipse Site  
Eclipse2017.org

Life on Mars: Citizen Science for Upper Elementary  
One of my favorite STEM programs combines the awe factor of potentially living on Mars and the positive impact of Citizen Science...to continue reading, click here.

States of Matter: Chemistry Programming for Preschool and Early Elementary  
When you put the time into creating a dynamic STEM program for youth, it feels like a big bonus...to continue reading, click here.
The STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation and other funders. STAR stands for Science-Technology Activities and Resources. This ground-breaking initiative includes a traveling STEM exhibition program, the development of STEM activities for public libraries, a comprehensive training program that includes in-person workshops and webinars, the development of the STAR_Net Online Community, and a research and evaluation program. STAR_Net is led by the Space Science Institute’s National Center for Interactive Learning. Partners include the American Library Association, Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the Afterschool Alliance along with many other organizations.

We may be experiencing some downtime on our starnetlibraries.org websites as we undergo some exciting new updates the next few months, so we’ll be bringing back this feature after the updates are complete! If you need to access any of our activities during this downtime, please contact Anne Holland (aholland@spacescience.org)

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