Are you ready for the celestial event of the century? In just over a year from now, the shadow of the moon will sweep across the United States from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean in a spectacle that hasn't occurred in 99 years! We hope we've made it clear how excited we are for this, but if you haven't heard, we're planning a multitude of events and activities for libraries everywhere. So jump on the train! Start by following this link here to register your library. We will, in turn, provide you with:

- Vetted Multimedia for Programming/Promotion  
  (Images, Video, Animations, Artwork, etc.)
- Media Templates Package  
  (A press Release, PSA, Letter, Media Alert, etc.)
- Private Eclipse Forum (participating libraries)
- Inclusion in Special Eclipse Promotions (Social Media, Blogs, Newsletters, etc.)
- Enrollment in STAR_Net's Eclipse Newsletter

And when your eclipse event is planned, you can share your press release, flyer, website link, or like material with us to receive 50 free Solar Shades for you and your patrons to watch along with us! (shades are available on a first come, first serve basis).

New Blog Posts Available!

Little Maker: Dinosaur Dig!
Stephanie Prato, Director of Play to Learn Services, shares a 'Little Makers' monthly STEAM activity. K-2nd grade...click here to read more

Resources Shared at the ALA Annual Conference:
Keliann LaConte of SSI/NCIL recaps what STAR_Net was up to at the ALA Orlando conference this year. From sessions to Share-a-thons, if you couldn't make it, we have you covered....click here to read more
**Lights on Afterschool: Join the Nationwide Celebration! Webinar**

**July 27th, 2016 10 PT/11 MT/12 CT/1 ET**

Does your library offer afterschool programming? Interested in working more closely with afterschool programs and other youth-serving organizations? Join the Afterschool Alliance to learn more about *Lights On Afterschool*, the nationwide celebration of afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The event has become a hallmark of the afterschool field, every year generating significant media coverage across the country and sending a powerful message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs. In this webinar, we’ll also talk about the potential that other coordinated national advocacy efforts might have for the library field.

To register, please click here. Password is “star1”. We’ll see you there!

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.

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**Communities of Practice for Librarians Webinar**

**Wednesday, July 27, 2016  12 PT/1 MT/2 CT/3 EST**

Communities of Practice (CoPs) are informing both research and practice of effective facilitation of library-based and online learning. IMLS presents a webinar to share new perspectives about CoPs and to explore lessons learned from a variety of organizations with CoPs, including Proliteracy, ACRL, YOUMedia Learning Labs, STAR_NET, Portland State University, and others.

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**Blooming Paper Flowers**

Amy Holcomb who manages Skokie Library’s BOOMbox (a STEAM learning space) shares a successful activity from a recent ‘Science Friday’...click here to read more

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**Who Does Lego Wedo? We Do!**

Maija McLaughlin, Director of Digital Access at the Fayetteville Free Library, highlights the amazing kid-based robotics and code learning system from LEGO called Wedo...click here to read more

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**Tumbling Around With Tumblewings and Walking Along with Walkalongs**

This activity really ‘flew’ well at Luna’s library. Click the picture to find out more!...click here to read more
and other national and state-based organizations. Click Here to attend!

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**Miss our Past Webinars? Get them Here!**

[http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/](http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/)

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**New Websites Launched! Check them Out!**

Please head over to [www.starnetlibraries.org](http://www.starnetlibraries.org) to check out our relaunched STAR_Net Online Community Site! Make sure to register so you can comment on the blogs and forums! Also make sure to click the big blue button to visit our "STEM Resource Clearinghouse". This site, in partnership with Cornerstones of Science, is a great place to find quality, tested STEM activities for libraries (there's even a section for summer reading!) Both sites are in beta testing. If you have any comments/suggests/concerns, please contact Anne Holland, (aholland@spacescience.org)

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**Califa Library Group: PLACE Grants**

Deadline extended! Due date: August 7, 2016

The Califa Library Group is accepting applications for mini-grants to librarians in rural public libraries and under-resourced urban libraries who are interested in providing science-based adult programming focused on local weather challenges and threats...read more [here](http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/).

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The [STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net)](http://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](http://star.net), and a research and evaluation program. STAR_Net is led by the Space Science Institute’s [National Center for Interactive Learning](http://ncil.org). Partners include the American Library Association, Lunar and Planetary Institute, and the Afterschool Alliance along with many other organizations.

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**What if? to Oh Cool! The Scientific Meathod Put to Work**

**Launching Stomp Rockets**

This crowd pleasing activity will have your STEM learners jumping for joy!...click [here](http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/) to read more

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**Queued up:**

*In our next issue we’ll go into more detail on these events coming up:*

- **World Space Week held**
  Oct 4th -10th 2016. For now, read up on [it here](http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/!)
- **International Observe the Moon Night Oct. 8th 2016. Check out more [here](http://www.starnetlibraries.org/resources/webinars/)**

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