



October 6, 2016



Eclipse Webinar Presented by Dennis Schatz & Andrew Fraknoi

Date: Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

Time: 11:00 am MDT

Get an early start in preparing for the 2017 solar eclipse, how to explain it, how to observe it safely, and what role libraries can play in organizing and informing their communities.

Join us for a 45 minute webinar where you'll get great information about the eclipse, and be able to ask questions about the role your library can play. Hosts: Dennis Schatz (NSTA, Pacific Science Center), and Andrew Fraknoi (Foothill College; co-author of a new book on eclipse education). [Click HERE](#) for an Eclipse FAQ sheet.

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Latest Blogs



STEM in Libraries: Resources for Emerging and Established Leaders

NCIL/SSI is pleased to announce the launch of a new collection of resources on the STAR_Net website to support library staff who want to begin or further develop their involvement in STEM: STEM in Libraries...

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Don't forget to register your library for the 2017 Solar Eclipse as well! [Click HERE](#)



Promising Practices for Implementing STEM in Public Libraries

Presented by Dr. Annette Shtivelband

Date: Wednesday, November 16th, 2016

Time: 1:00 pm MDT

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) provides a new and promising direction in public library education and programming. Yet, what do researchers suggest are promising practices for implementing STEM? What can we learn from the informal education landscape about offering such programs to youth? How can we develop and nurture STEM education and programs that can reach youth from all backgrounds? Join us for this informative webinar that focuses on promising practices for implementing STEM programs in public libraries. Learn how you can build and strengthen your STEM program and apply lessons learned from this research study.

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Tiny Terrariums

Kenton County Public Library recently held a program called Tiny Terrariums at the Erlanger Branch, and it was very well-attended!...

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DIY Giant Bubbles

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The Earth spins...does the Moon? Grab a penny and a quarter to find out!

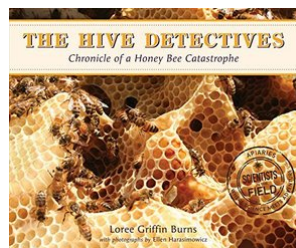
The penny is the Moon. The quarter is the Earth. Lay them both on a table, face up. We can see "the Man in the Moon" every time we see the Moon, so keep Lincoln's nose facing the quarter. Move the penny around the quarter, and make at least one full circle ("orbit") around the "Earth." Does the penny "Moon" spin? Post your answer on our Facebook page [HERE!](#)

Download the NASA "Penny Moon" activity guide and write your own review of the activity through the STAR_Net [STEM Activity Clearinghouse](#).

Networking and Training Opportunities

- 2016 CAL (Colorado Association of Libraries) Annual Conference is October 20-22, 2016 in Loveland, CO
Check out our session info [HERE!](#)
- 2016 ARSL (Association of Rural & Small Libraries) Conference is October 27-29, 2016 in Fargo, ND
Check out our sessions info [HERE!](#)
- The American Astronomical Society (AAS) is offering a limited number of travel grants to attend the 128th annual meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP), "Engage Every Child in the 2017 Solar Eclipse: Working Together with Diverse and Underserved Communities Across America," (December 8-9, 2016) in St. Louis, Missouri. These grants are intended for national STEM leaders working in or with underserved communities who are interested in engaging youth in education and outreach programs related to the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse across America. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

The travel grant application deadline is October 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm EST. Grants will pay for ASP conference registration, transportation, and lodging expenses. Visit the special [AAS website page](#) for further details and the grant application form



Honey, what's the deal with the bees?

There had been a lot of talk about the decline of honey bees for a while, and then you heard less about it. As researchers were working to pinpoint what exactly was causing their demise, the news world moved on to more interesting topics...

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Programing Opportunities

International Observe the Moon Night

October 8, 2016

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October 4-10, 2016

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Earth Science Week

October 9-16, 2016

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ANNOUNCEMENT

NCIL staff has been working hard to meet your needs, and those efforts have yielded an entirely new section of our STAR_Net website called:

"STEM in Libraries: Resources for Emerging and Established Leaders"

Read Keliann's LaConte's blog on this topic [HERE](#) and visit the new area [HERE!](#)



Register to join the STAR_Net community [HERE](#). Registering means you can participate in forums, comment on blogs, and help build wiki resource pages. You can also network with fellow professionals. New subscribers will receive our monthly newsletter - where we share all of our exciting developments!

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