

May 10, 2017



## Our Application Period for Free Eclipse **Glasses in Now Closed**

Thanks to all of the libraries that have expressed interest in sharing this once-in-a-lifetime experience with their communities. If your library has successfully completed an application but has not received a confirmation email by May 15th, please contact Anne Holland to check your status. Once we have determined how many kits have been sent out, we may re-open the application to fill any remaining slots. To be notified if more slots become available, be sure to stay tuned to our email announcements and Facebook page.



# Paper Engineering Workshop for Tweens

Latest Blogs

During spring break this year, I tried a new program aimed specifically for 8-12 year olds. We met each afternoon for two hours to work on creating paper automata.



### Young tech makers. Credit: Louisville Public Library The National Science Foundation Funds Project BUILD

The Space Science Institute's (SSI) National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL), in partnership with the University of Virginia (UVA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), was awarded a \$1.1 million-dollar grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop and implement a 3-year program, called Project BUILD (Building Using an Interactive Learning Design).

This project will advance efforts of the Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program at the National Science Foundation to better understand and promote practices that increase students' motivations and capacities to pursue careers in fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

Read the Full Press Release

Night Sky Network

NASA Partnerships in Your Own

the Night Sky Network and Solar System

Time: 3pm EDT / 2pm CDT / 1pm MDT / 12pm PT

volunteer networks who are eager to partner with local

The Night Sky Network and Solar System Ambassadors

are volunteer organizations who can provide free or low

cost programming to libraries in their region. Members of

these networks include current and former NASA

employees, industry retirees (Ball, Lockheed, etc),

about these networks, hear success stories from

enthusiasts! Participants in this webinar will learn more

existing library partnerships, and even learn how they

Register in Advance for This Webinar

Note: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Miss Past Webinars? Get Them Here!

science teachers, and other general science

Join us to learn more about two NASA supported

Date: Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

**Backyard** 

**Ambassadors** 

public libraries!

can join these networks.

et Webinar Series



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Camp a tremendous success!

#### Taking advantage of connections to the county parks department, spring weather, and spring break, we tried a new program idea this



spring.



# Tomatos in Containers!

We recently made use of Spring Break to host a program presented by our local agricultural Extension Agent. Read blog >>



### International Peace Crane Swap and 1000 Cranes from

**Around The World** I know International Peace Day seems like a long way off, but when you're Partnership Opportunities and Success Stories from

planning to string

1000 cranes... you

can never start too early. Read blog >>

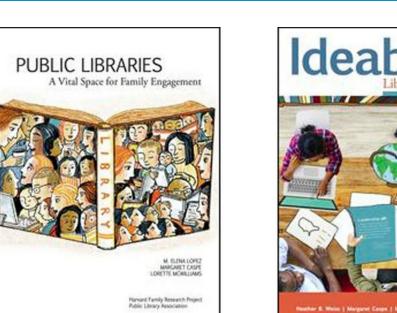


## **Robot Dance Boot** Camp

Multi-day activity camps made a reappearance at Skokie Public Library during the most recent school break.

# View All Blogs

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**Libraries for the 21st Century:** 

Provided by the Global Family Research Project

learn, to connect with other parents, and to find other

With generous funding from the David and Lucile Packard

partnered with the Public Library Association (PLA) to explore

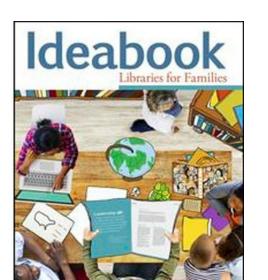
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family engagement in children's learning through libraries.

Foundation, the Global Family Research Project team

community resources that can help them thrive.

It's a Family Thing



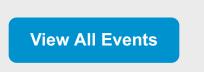


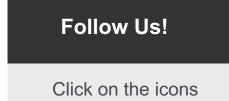
2017 Solar Eclipse Aug. 21, 2017

# Int'l Observe the

Day of Saturn Sept. 15, 2017

**Moon Night** Oct. 28, 2017 Libraries provide families a welcoming environment in which to







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# Hands-on STEM: Art and the Cosmic Connection

Participants become artist explorers as they use elements of art – line, color, texture, shape, and value — to analyze Earth, Mars, moons, or other worlds. View how-to videos for tips and techniques for using pastels in this activity, and find presentation slides, notes, and space and Earth images to help you facilitate this flexible activity.

Check out this activity on the STEM Activity Clearinghouse to download the free resources.





The STAR Library Education Network (STAR\_Net) is a hands-on learning network for libraries and their communities across the country. STAR\_Net focuses on helping library professionals build their STEM skills by providing "science-technology activities and resources" (STAR) and training to use those resources. Plus, engage public audiences nationwide in informal and lifelong learning with the excitement of exploration and

discovery through new NASA@ My Library resources!

STAR\_Net is built upon a strong network of collaborators and partners, led by the Space Science Institute's (SSI) National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL). Partners include the American Library Association's Public Programs Office, Lunar and Planetary Institute, Afterschool Alliance, Education Development Center, Datum Advisors, Cornerstones of Science, and the Pacific Science Center. Major funding is provided by the National Science Foundation, NASA Science Mission Directorate, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



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