**STAR Net Summary**

The STAR Library 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. Over 8,000 library and STEM professionals have joined *STAR Net* to access webinar trainings, monthly newsletters, professional blogs, partnership opportunities, facilitation guides, book recommendations, and much more, including *STAR Net*’s STEM Activity Clearinghouse.

“Public libraries are a pillar of education for all. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to offer educational experiences for our communities. STEM learning is part of this and highly important for the continued development and health of our society, both intellectually and economically.”

– Discover NASA Host Library Staff Member

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