

SEAL

Solar Eclipse Activities
for Libraries

FAQ Webinar

The webinar will begin at 1:00 pm Mountain Time and
will be recorded

Facilitator Introductions

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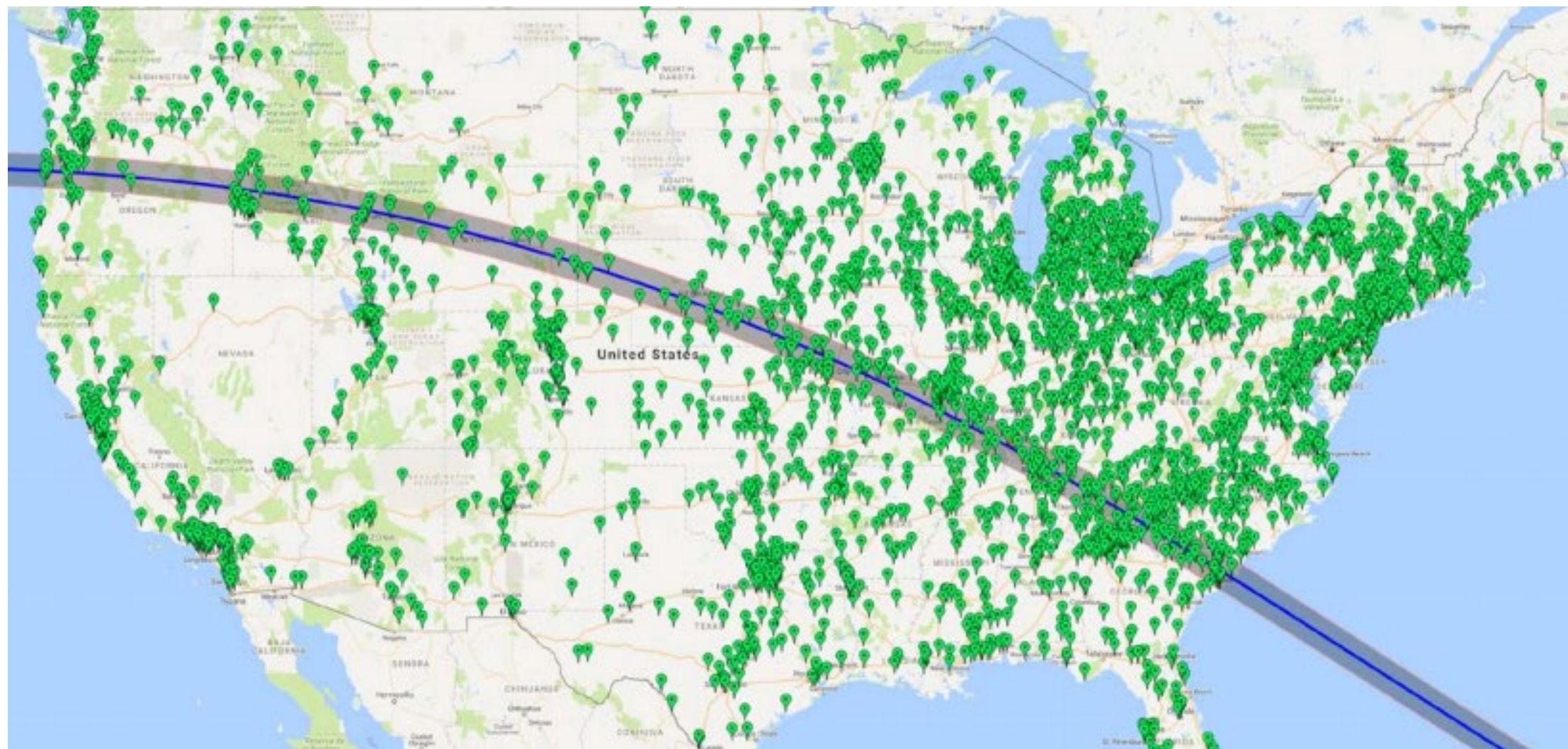


Poll Question

What is an annular solar eclipse?

- a. An eclipse that occurs every year.
- b. The Moon gets in front of the Sun, but is too far away in its orbit to cover the Sun completely.
- c. When the Sun passes between the Moon and the Earth.





By the numbers

- 2.1 million glasses distributed
- More than 7,000 individual library locations participated through STAR Net
- This included public library branches, book mobiles, tribal libraries, library consortia and state libraries

- These libraries allowed MORE THAN 6 MILLION PEOPLE to safely view the eclipse!!
- STAR Net libraries conducted 35,000 eclipse-based programs reaching approximately 1,750,000 people



“We had one of the biggest events our Library has ever seen. So, in my language, we say Waewaenen (Thank You)!”

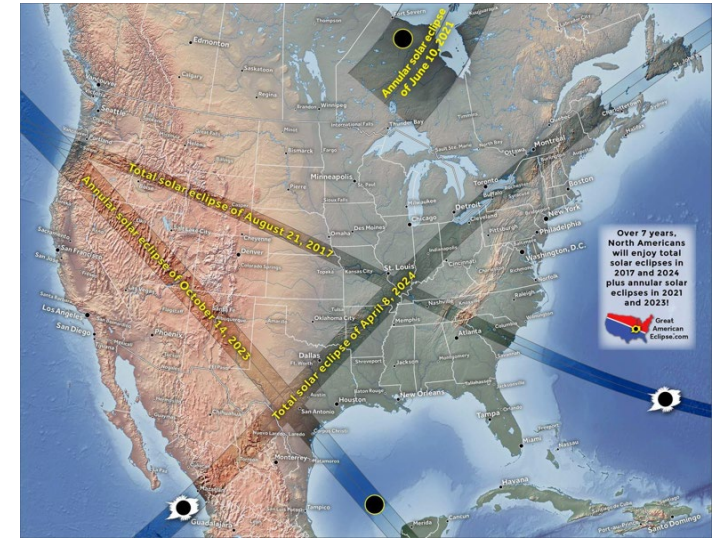
-Menomin Hawpetoss, Menominee County Library





“Our eclipse programming has connected us with community collaborators for future programming and has created excitement from our patrons about future STEM programming.”

-Fort Fairfield Public Library



What's Next??

Sun...Moon...You!


OCTOBER 14, 2023
ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE


APRIL 8, 2024
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

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S AMERICAN
ASTRONOMICAL
SOCIETY



Funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to provide:

- Approximately 5,000,000 eclipse glasses to public libraries in the U.S., D.C. and territories/protectorates
- In-person training in each state/territory
- Circulating kits to state libraries, including solar telescopes
- Training (in-person and online)
- An interactive community hosted on the STAR Net website

The existing STAR Net community will provide

- Access to the interactive community
- Vetted hands-on activities through the STEM Activity Clearinghouse
- Access to scientists, volunteers and eclipse subject matter experts (SMEs)



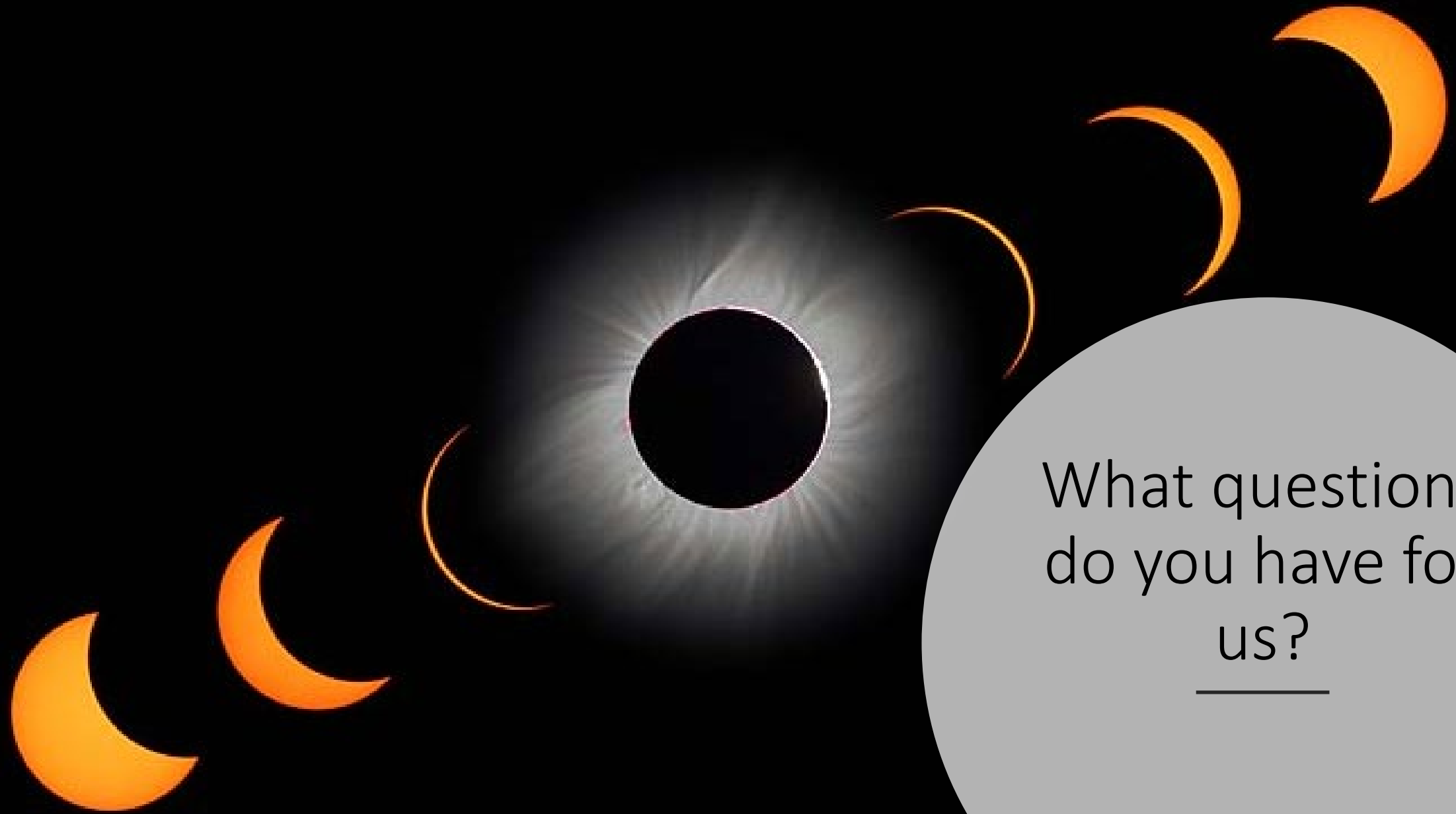
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Questions
we've received
so far!

- Is this application just for the 2023 eclipse, or is this my supply for 2024 as well?
 - This is your supply for BOTH eclipses, so order and hold back as needed!
- We're part of a large system, can every branch apply, or just the system?
 - Each branch (including bookmobiles!) can apply individually. If you wish to send 1 application for all branches, and receive all glasses to be distributed to your libraries at a central location, please note that in your application, and drop Anne an email with the total # you'll need aholland@spacescience.org
- I messed up! I picked 500 but really, I need 1,000. HELP!
 - No worries, orders haven't started shipping yet, email Anne to change your #!
- The application requires a letter from our director on letterhead. We don't have a director, and we definitely don't have letterhead!
 - Also no worries! Whomever is the highest up person in your library can write the letter. As long as they provide their full contact information, the letterhead isn't needed.
- Are you going to put my phone number on the big map for the public like last time? That was terrible.
 - No! The map that will be on our STAR Net page will just include dots and a library name. We will also be clear it does not indicate they have glasses, just that they're participating in eclipse programming. As per the application, we will be sharing your contact information in a closed, private group with NASA scientists who might be interested in partnering with you on programs!



What questions
do you have for
us?