

Libraries Helping Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA

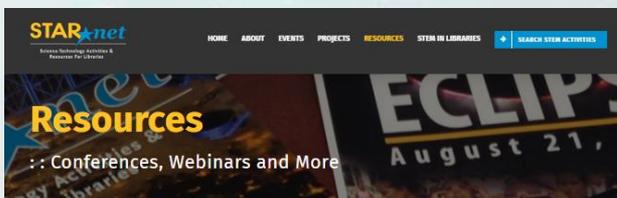
Brooks Mitchell (SSI), Emma Marcucci (STSCI), Holly Ryer (STSCI), Thalia Rivera (NASA-JPL)

The webinar will begin at 1:00 p.m. (MT) and will be recorded.



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Curated Resources For Professional Development

Building the capacity of public libraries and library staff to deliver engaging, inspirational, and educational STEM programs has the potential to transform the STEM education landscape across the country. What started in libraries some years ago as independent experiments in STEM programming has become a national STEM movement.

Across the country, libraries are redefining their roles. They're becoming primary centers of informal learning, especially STEM learning. And this critical transition is being carried out by many dedicated librarians. To help them, the STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) is providing resources to support their efforts to develop new skills and provide quality STEM programming.

Collaboration is the key to transforming libraries into STEM learning centers.



Conferences



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2017 Solar Eclipse



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Do You Have Your Solar Eclipse Glasses? Great - Now Try Them Out!

Upcoming Events

Discover NASA Exhibition (AZ)
May 2 - July 28

Summer Learning - Build a Better World
May 19 - August 21

Discover Tech Exhibition (CO)
May 19 - August 20

[View All Events](#)

Professional development resources, including webinars, newsletters, blogs, forums, videos, and much more!

Upcoming Webinars

A Universe of NASA Resources

Wednesday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. MDT

[Register Here](#)

August Webinars

- International Observe the Moon Night
- Lights on Afterschool
- More to Come!

Headed to ALA? Come See Us!

- **NASA Booth #1839 – Hyperwall talks, swag, and more!**
- **STEM Opportunities, Resources, and Partnerships between Public Libraries and Afterschool Providers**
 - Saturday, June 23; 1:00-2:00 p.m.; Room 288
- **Tech-time Fun with Real-world Connections**
 - Saturday, June 23; 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Room 386-387
- **Lessons Learned from the 2017 Eclipse: What Participation in Charismatic Events Can Do For Your Library**
 - Monday, June 25; 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Room 395-396

STEM ACTIVITY Clearinghouse

For example:
[DIY Sun Cookies](#)

STEM Activity Clearinghouse

STARnet Science Technology Activities & Resources For Libraries

CS Cornerstones of Science awakening curiosity, enriching lives

Search

Collections > 2017 Total Solar Eclipse

ATTRIBUTES 2017 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE There are 7 items.

Showing 1 - 7 of 7 items

Content Area

- Earth Science (0)
- Astronomy and Space (0)
- Chemistry (0)
- Physics (0)
- Engineering (0)
- Mathematics (0)
- Technology and Computing (0)
- Health Science (0)

Age Group

- Family (0)
- Infant (0-2) (0)
- Pre-K (0)
- Early Elementary (0)
- Upper Elementary (0)
- Tweens (9-12) (0)
- Teens (0)
- Adults (0)

Time to Complete Activity

- Under 10 minutes (0)
- 10-20 minutes (0)
- 20-40 minutes (0)
- 40 minutes to 1 hour (0)
- 1-2 hours (0)
- 2-4 hours (0)
- Long Duration (days to months) (0)

How Big, How Far, How Hot, How Old?

This is an activity about scale. Participants will arrange imagery of Earth and many other space objects in order of their size from smallest to largest, their distance from Earth's surface, their temperature from coolest to hottest, and/or their age from youngest to oldest.

[Open Activity](#) Report broken link

Content Area
Earth Science
Astronomy and Space

Age Group
Family
Upper Elementary
Tweens (9-12)

Time to Complete Activity
10-20 minutes

Difficulty Level (by content)
Medium

[View Details](#)

How Can the Little Moon Hide the Giant Sun?

This is an activity exploring the concept that distance affects how we perceive an object's size, specifically pertaining to the size of the Sun and the Moon as seen from Earth.

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Content Area
Earth Science
Astronomy and Space

Age Group
Early Elementary
Upper Elementary

Time to Complete Activity
40 minutes to 1 hour

Difficulty Level (by content)
Easy



Like an activity and think other library staff should know how great it is? Didn't like an activity or have modifications to make it better? **Make sure to leave a review!**

New Clearinghouse Feature



Solar Energy

Two bottles -- one painted black, the other painted white -- are covered with balloons and placed in bright sunlight.

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Content Area

Astronomy and Space

Physics

Engineering

Age Group

Upper Elementary

Tweens (9-12)

Time to Complete Activity

10-20 minutes

Time needed to prep Activity

Under 5 minutes

Cost associated with Activity Materials

\$1-\$5

Difficulty Level (by content)

Medium

Mess Level

Low

STEM Tools

Optional

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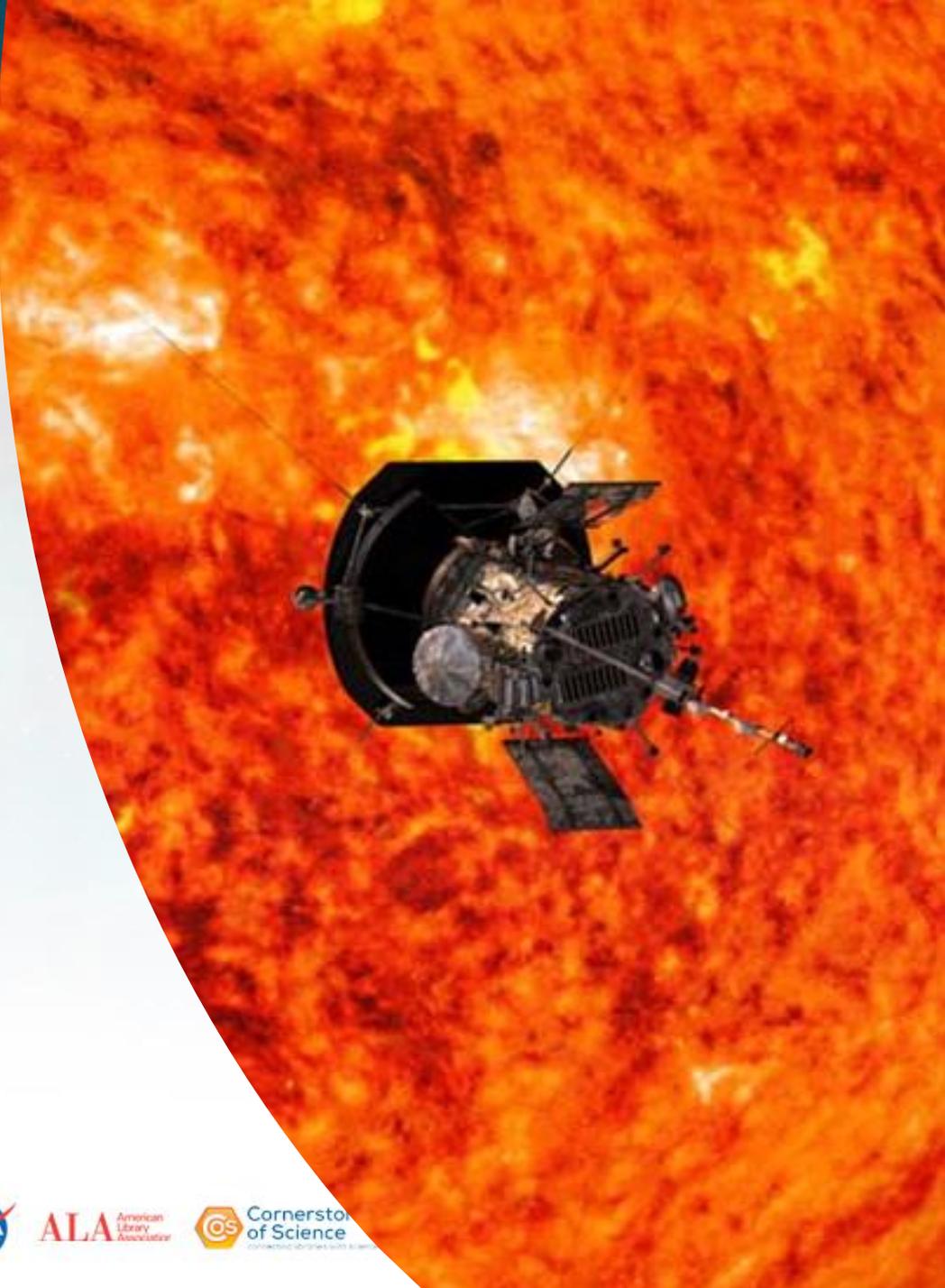
RELATED PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

[Add a Tech Twist](#)

Try using an infrared thermometer or even an infrared camera to visualize the different temperatures.

Parker Solar Probe Launch

- Launch Window: 7/31 – 8/19
- Webinar Recording:
<https://youtu.be/sDxLuIYT2-s>
- Event Page:
<http://www.starnetlibraries.org/parker-solar-probe/>
- Clearinghouse Sun Activities:
<http://clearinghouse.starnetlibraries.org/124-sun>



Today's Speakers



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Dr. Emma Marcucci is an Education and Outreach Scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute. She received her Ph.D. in planetary geology from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2013. As a Postdoctoral Fellow, she worked with satellite stereo images to make topographic models of locations that lack good elevation information, such as in Alaska and on Mars and Mercury. Dr. Marcucci is now part of the Office of Public Outreach at STScI sharing the science of the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes with the general public and supporting informal learning of NASA astrophysics content as a member of the NASA's Universe of Learning.

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Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA



NASA'S UNIVERSE OF
LEARNING

STAR Net Webinar
May 30, 2018

Speakers:
Emma Marcucci (STScI)
Thalia Rivera (JPL)
Holly Ryer (STScI)



NASA'S UNIVERSE OF
LEARNING

**An Astrophysics STEM Informal
Learning Program funded by NASA
SMD**

*Learners of all ages and backgrounds are
engaged and immersed in exploring the
universe for themselves.*

Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA

Empower public libraries and community-based organizations to **engage girls** and their families in STEM

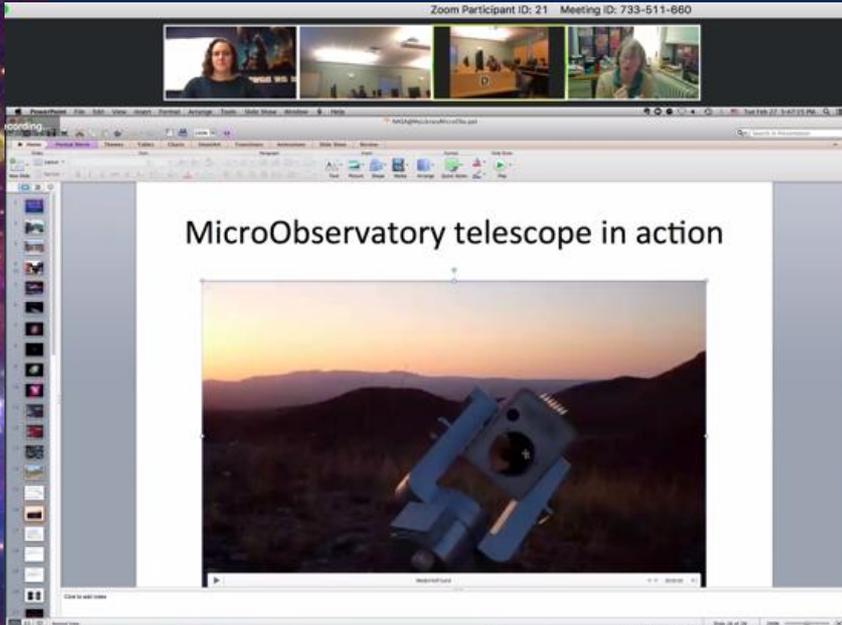


Provide accessible **exhibits, community programs, hands-on resources** that feature NASA Astrophysics science and technology

Provide **interactions with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**, to increase awareness of how we know what we know about our universe and to foster STEM identity.

Resources—SME Involvement

Virtual (Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts)
In Person (select locations)



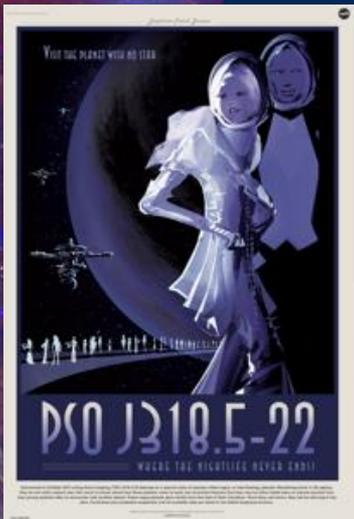
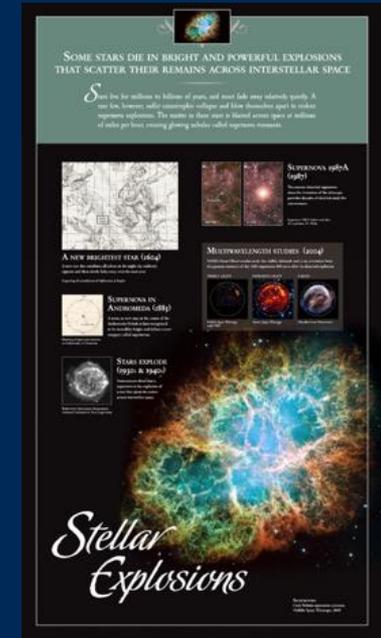
Resources—Exhibits/Posters

Exhibits

- Here, There, Everywhere
- AstrOlympics (Winter and Summer)
- Light: Beyond the Bulb
- From Earth to the Universe
- Visions of the Universe

Posters

- Women in STEM series
- Women of Color: Pioneers and Innovators
- Exoplanet Travel Posters



Some translated to Spanish, Portuguese, German

Supplemental information available

Resources—STEM Activities

Paper/Pen activities

- Recoloring the Universe
- Scale Models (TRAPPIST-1 and Solar System)
- Binary activities
- Tactile Universe

Computer-based activities

- Recoloring the Universe
- Observing with NASA
 - MicroObservatory
 - DIY Planet Search
- Universe in 3D
- Eyes on Exoplanets
- Exoplanet Travel Bureau

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De-Coding Starlight Activity:
From Pixels to Images

**RECOLORING
the UNIVERSE**

The Scenario
You have just discovered a brilliant new supernova remnant using NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory. The Director of NASA Deep Space Research has requested a report of your results in her office in 45 minutes. But, unfortunately, your computer crashed fatally while you were creating an image of the supernova remnant from the numerical data and you also lost a small amount of back up data. To fix the situation you will create, by hand, an image of the supernova remnant.

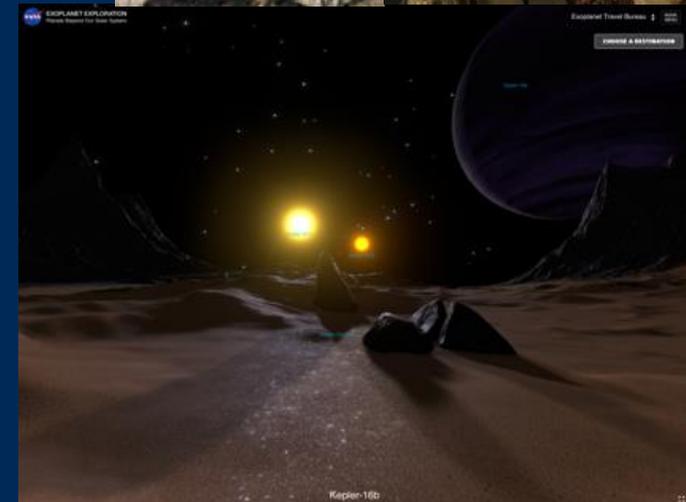
To do so, you will use raw (or unprocessed) data from the Chandra satellite. Additionally, you will prepare a written explanation of your discovery and answer a few of the Director's questions.

Barred Spiral Galaxy (detail)

Thermal output (detail)

Binary Pins
This activity will allow you to write your initials in binary code to create beaded pins.

15 min



Observing with NASA (microobservatory.org)

MicroObservatory Robotic Telescope Network

Explore the Universe with telescopes you control over the internet!

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Demonstration of Selected Resources

Exoplanet Travel Bureau (<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/alien-worlds/exoplanet-travel-bureau/>)



 TRAPPIST 1A (star)	 TRAPPIST 1b (non-habitable zone)	 TRAPPIST 1c (non-habitable zone)	 TRAPPIST 1d (non-habitable zone)
 TRAPPIST 1e (habitable zone)	 TRAPPIST 1f (habitable zone)	 TRAPPIST 1g (habitable zone)	 TRAPPIST 1h (non-habitable zone)

Eyes on Exoplanets

(<https://eyes.jpl.nasa.gov/eyes-on-exoplanets.html>)

EXPLORE

About the Planet

ROCKY PLANET

Name: Kepler-11 c
Planet type: Super Earth
Discovery date: 2010
Mass: 2.9 x Earth
Planet radius: 0.256 Jupiters

Orbital radius: 0.11 AU
Orbital period: 13 days
Eccentricity: 0.008
Method of Detection: Transit

PLANET VIEW | PLANETARY SYSTEM VIEW

HOW LONG TO TRAVEL HERE? | COMPARE WITH OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

HABITABLE ZONE | COMPARE SIZE

Binary activities

<http://chandra.si.edu/binary/>

Binary Bracelet

Embed your name or nickname in a beaded binary code bracelet.

Scale Models

https://media.universe-of-learning.org/documents/UoL_TR_APPIST_Scale_Model-2018-02.pdf

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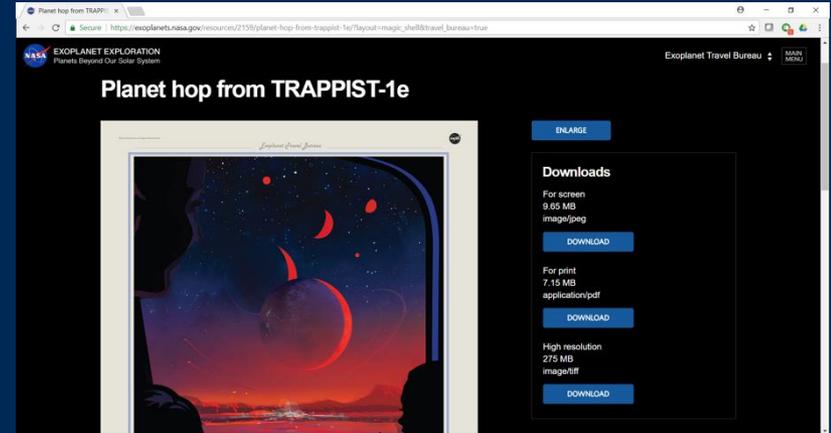
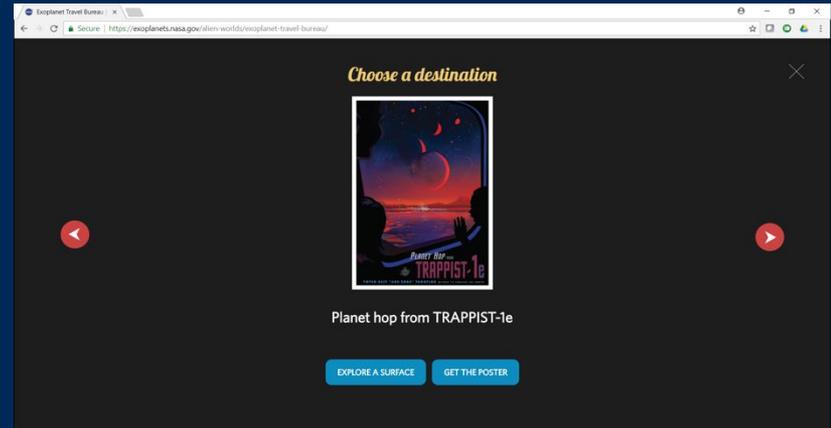
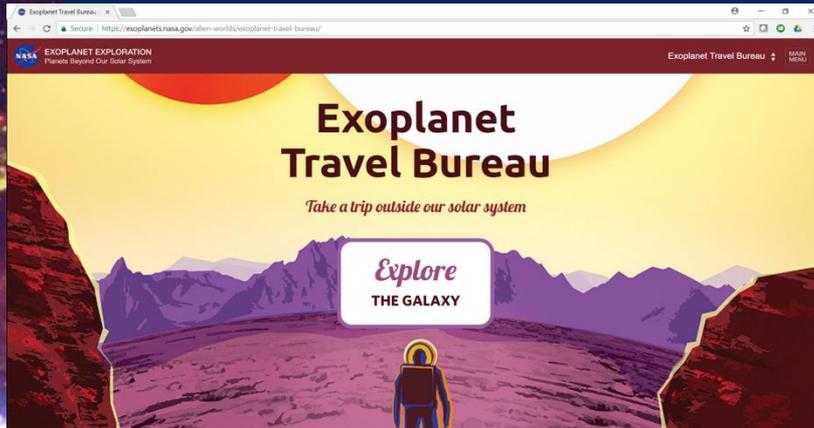


Thalia Rivera is a Public Engagement Specialist for NASA's Exoplanet Exploration program. She works on public engagement by coordinating and managing outreach events such as "A Ticket to Explore JPL," American Astronomical Society conferences, and other general public events and scientific conferences. She develops and assists in creating informative materials for distribution to the public and science community. These events and materials help make the science of exoplanet exploration relatable, accessible, and exciting to those who may be unfamiliar with current NASA Exoplanet missions and research. Ms. Rivera has a bachelor's degree in Speech Communications from the University of La Verne

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Eyes on Exoplanets

Eyes full version - <https://eyes.jpl.nasa.gov/eyes-on-exoplanets.html>

Get Started

NASA's Eyes interactives require a one-time download of the app.

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Launch and start exploring!

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Get set for launch. "Eyes on Exoplanets" will fly you to any planet you wish—as long as it's far beyond our solar system. This fully rendered 3D universe is scientifically accurate, allowing you to zoom in for a close look at more than 1,000 exotic planets known to orbit distant stars.



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Holly Ryer is a Senior Education Specialist at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) in Baltimore, Maryland. As a member of the Science Communications and Engagement team, Holly supports the NASA-funded “Universe of Learning” informal education program. She is responsible for the development and assessment of inquiry-based learning approaches and partnership building for projects such as Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA. She also supports NASA reporting and program evaluation activities and communication activities for the Hubble Space Telescope mission. Holly is a former classroom teacher with eight and a half years’ experience teaching in Baltimore-area schools. During that time, she served on various committees, developed district-level curriculum, and participated in the scoring of the Maryland State Performance Assessment Program. Now, Holly takes great pleasure in supporting NASA education and outreach efforts.

The Good...

- The number of women in science and engineering is growing. Except in computer/mathematical sciences, women have increased their proportion in each broad occupational group since the early 1990s.
- Girls are performing as well as or better than boys as measured by standardized test performance and their high school grade point averages in science and math. They also are earning high school math and science credits at the same rate as boys (U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007) (NSF, Science & Engineering Indicators, 2016).
- Promising – Preliminary findings show that girls' interest in math and science does not drop during middle school as indicated in past research, but remains high. (Generation STEM: A report from the Girl Scout Research Institute, 2012).



The Bad...

- Women with college degrees remain underrepresented in science and engineering occupations. Women make up half of the total U.S. college-educated workforce, but only 29% of the science and engineering workforce.
- Women who do earn degrees in these fields leave those professions at much higher rates than men. And the women who graduate with degrees in engineering and computer science are less likely to be employed than men.



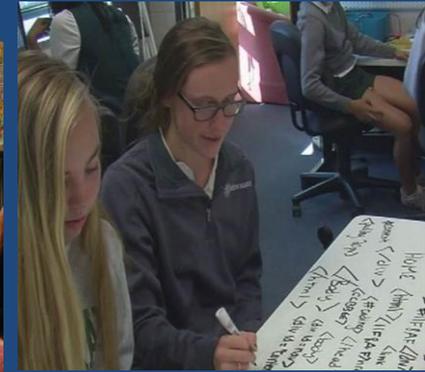
The Ugly...

- Three quarters of middle school girls show strong interest in science and math, yet only a tenth will go on to continue their studies in college.
- When making choices about their majors and careers, many young women rule out STEM partly because of interests, feeling ill-prepared for them, or because society identifies these domains as male.



Increasing the Good!

Research suggests that math and science out-of-school activities are positively associated with youths' interest in science and self-concept of abilities in these subject areas.



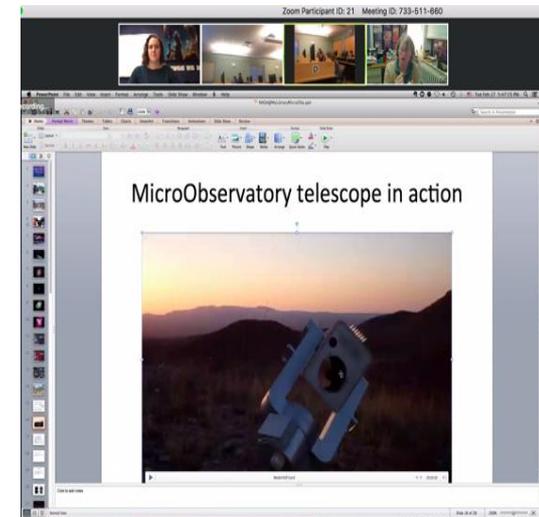
Girls who participate in STEM clubs and activities outside of school are more likely to say they will pursue STEM subjects later in their education.

Increasing the Good: Strategies & Best Practices

- **Low Pressure:** Emphasize learning something new and having fun. Support youth in trying, exploring, and making mistakes without judgement.
- **Student-centered:** Ask youth to make predictions, decide for themselves what the activity is about and what they would like to learn, and use activities that are open-ended in nature.
- **Emphasize process (not just product):** Encourage youth to make reasoned conjectures about problems, to explore varied approaches to tasks, and to explain and justify their work.
- **Collaborative teamwork:** Have students complete tasks in groups/teams if possible. Start with “ice breaker” activities to encourage teamwork for students who may not know one another.
- **Gender-balanced:** Create a gender-neutral, non-competitive environment. Use language and visuals inclusive of both males and females.
- **Family/parent encouragement - it makes a difference:** Include family members in STEM events. Provide resources for families to engage in STEM activities at home with their children.

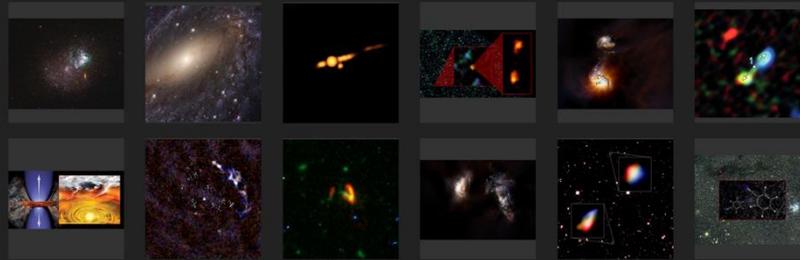
Putting it into Action: Observing with NASA

- ✓ Create your own image as a model ahead of time.
- ✓ Have students work in teams to replicate it as you walk them through the activity.
- ✓ Have teams select their own images to process from the image archive.
- ✓ Have teams explore other ways to colorize their images in addition to RGB.
- ✓ Students can print their images for a display area and/or a gallery walk during which teams explain how they created their images.
- ✓ Students can locate their image in AstroPix to see images of their object from other telescopes and make comparisons.
- ✓ Students can continue the fun by requesting other images to process and print at home or at library.

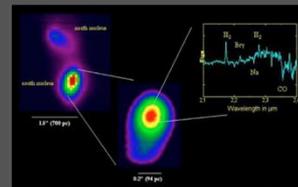


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Pulled from the Archive



SINFONI observations of NGC 6240

Getting Started

Images from telescopes around the world and in space are now at your fingertips. AstroPix is a new way to explore and share the universe.

- **Basic Search** - Type some terms into the upper right text box to do a quick search.
- **Browse by Topic** - Jump right to some common categories that showcase the AstroPix collection.
- **Advanced Search** - Create your own structured search, or modify a browse topic, to find exactly the images that interest you.

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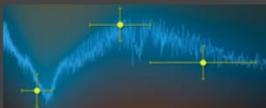


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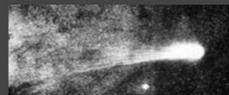
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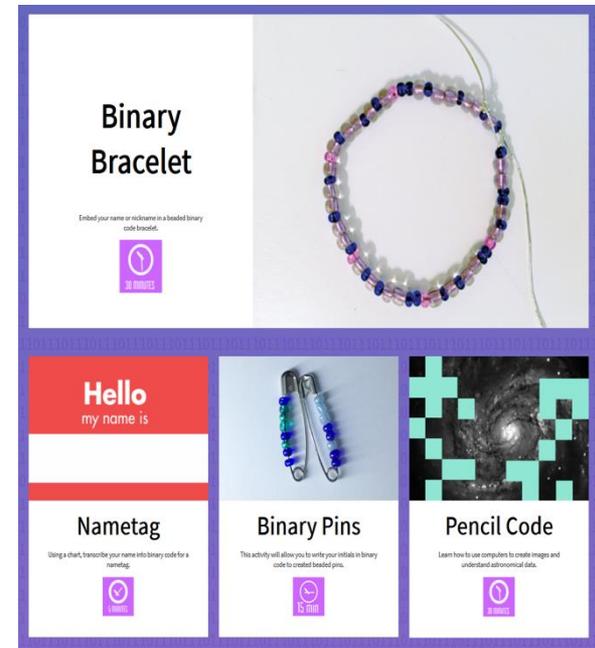
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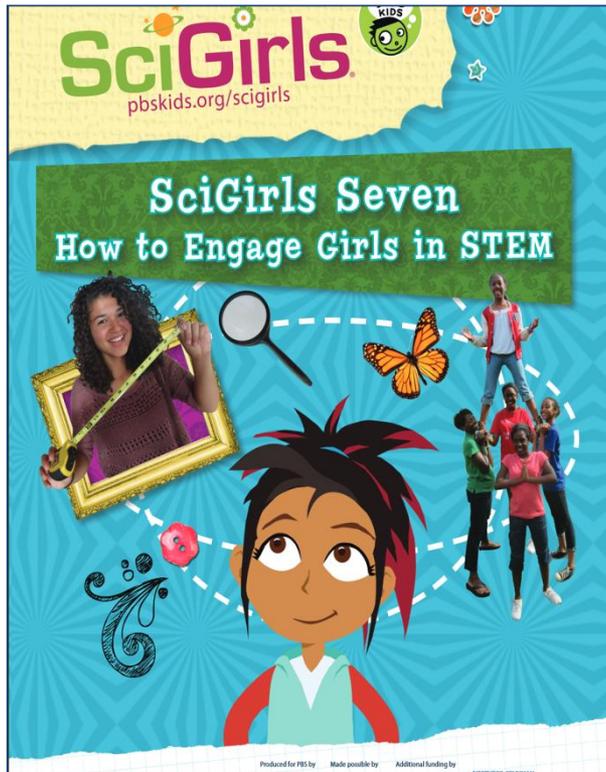
Radio [Q](#)

Putting it into Action: Binary (How to Talk to a Spacecraft)

- ✓ Activities can be used by themselves or in conjunction with Recoloring the Universe.
- ✓ One option is to create activity stations/work areas for each binary activity.
- ✓ Have students work in teams to select a project of their choice, or rotate through the stations to try each one.
- ✓ As a follow-on, have students create words or messages and translate them into binary using the code chart.
- ✓ Teams can exchange messages and “decode” them.
- ✓ Students can continue the fun by using Recoloring the Universe at home or at the library.



Strategies & Best Practices: Resources



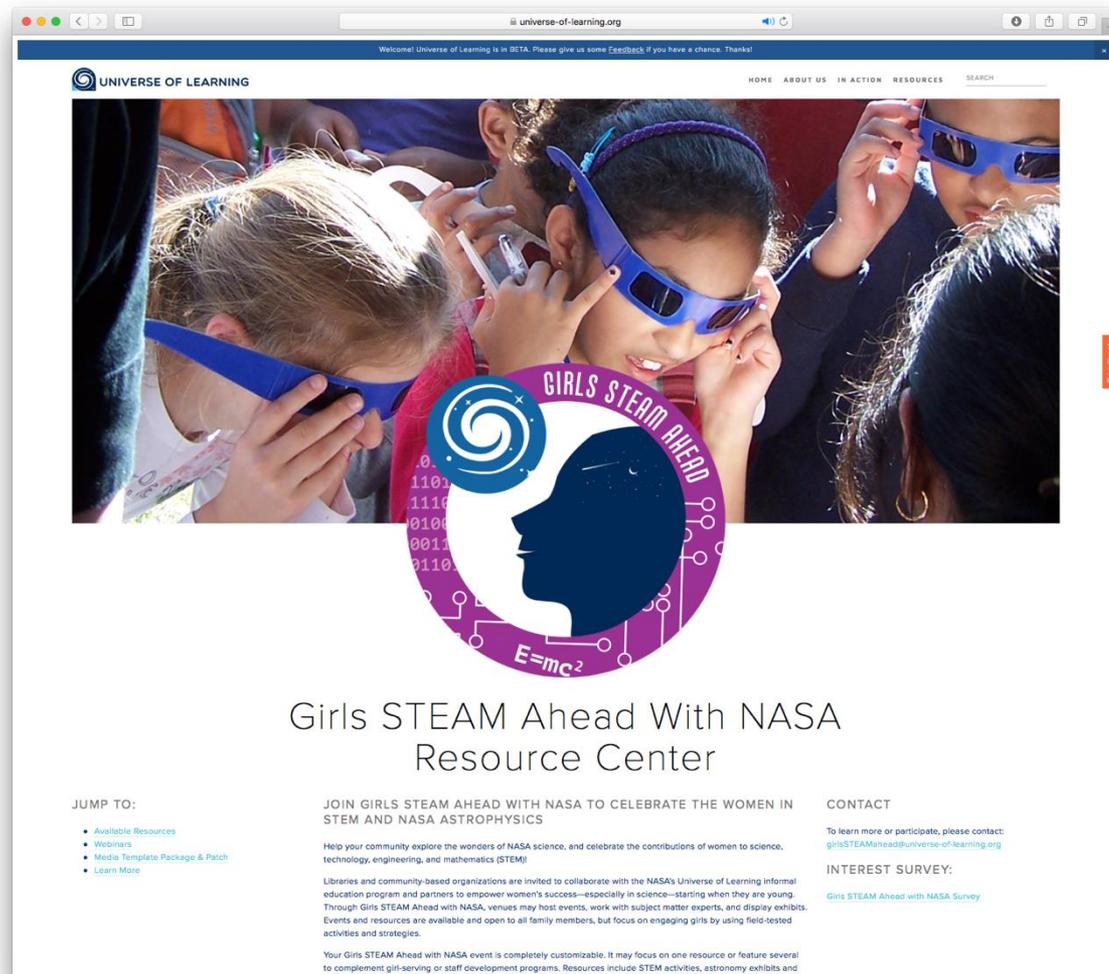
<http://www.scigirlsconnect.org/scigirls/>

A screenshot of the National Girls Collaborative Project website. The header includes the project name, a search bar, and navigation links: 'ABOUT', 'GET INVOLVED', 'PROGRAM DIRECTORY', 'EVENTS', 'RESOURCES', 'BLOG', 'GLOBAL', and 'DONATE'. Below the header is a banner image of four girls. The main content area is titled 'Engaging Girls in STEM' and includes a 'Resources' sidebar with links to 'Mini-Grants', 'Newsletter Archive', 'Webinars', 'Statistics', and 'Brochure'. The main text area contains several resource links and descriptions, including 'Exemplary Practice Research on Engaging Girls in STEM', 'APEC Women in STEM (2016)', 'The SciGirls Seven', 'Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing (2015)', 'Girls in IT: The Facts (2013)', 'Effective STEM Programs for Adolescent Girls: Three Approaches and Many Lessons Learned (2013)', and 'Cascading Influences: Long-Term Impacts of Informal STEM Experiences for Girls (2013)'. There are also 'FIND' and 'CONNECT' buttons.

<https://ngcproject.org/engaging-girls-in-stem>

Find more information!

http://universe-of-learning.org/girls_steam_ahead



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'UNIVERSE OF LEARNING' website. The main content area features a large photograph of three young girls wearing blue 3D glasses and looking at a screen. Overlaid on the bottom center of the photo is a circular logo with a purple and blue color scheme. The logo contains a white silhouette of a girl's head in profile, facing right. Above the silhouette is a blue spiral galaxy icon, and below it is the equation $E=mc^2$. The text 'GIRLS STEAM AHEAD' is written in white around the top inner edge of the circle. The website header includes a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'IN ACTION', 'RESOURCES', and 'SEARCH'. A 'Feedback' button is visible on the right side of the page.

UNIVERSE OF LEARNING

HOME ABOUT US IN ACTION RESOURCES SEARCH

WELCOME! Universe of Learning is in BETA. Please give us some Feedback if you have a chance. Thanks!

Feedback

GIRLS STEAM AHEAD

$E=mc^2$

Girls STEAM Ahead With NASA Resource Center

JUMP TO:

- [Available Resources](#)
- [Webinars](#)
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- [Learn More](#)

JOIN GIRLS STEAM AHEAD WITH NASA TO CELEBRATE THE WOMEN IN STEM AND NASA ASTROPHYSICS

Help your community explore the wonders of NASA science, and celebrate the contributions of women to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

Libraries and community-based organizations are invited to collaborate with the NASA's Universe of Learning informal education program and partners to empower women's success—especially in science—starting when they are young. Through Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA, venues may host events, work with subject matter experts, and display exhibits. Events and resources are available and open to all family members, but focus on engaging girls by using field-tested activities and strategies.

Your Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA event is completely customizable. It may focus on one resource or feature several to complement girl-serving or staff development programs. Resources include STEM activities, astronomy exhibits and

CONTACT

To learn more or participate, please contact:
girlsSTEAMahead@universe-of-learning.org

INTEREST SURVEY:

[Girls STEAM Ahead with NASA Survey](#)

Interest Survey (June 20th): <https://www.universe-of-learning.org/girls-steam-ahead-survey>

Evaluation

1. Please notify the GSAWN team (girlsSTEAMahead@universe-of-learning.org) **3 weeks prior to your event** and include:
 - Name of event and “evaluation” in your subject line
 - Contact name
 - Contact address
 - Estimated number of attendees
2. Use the evaluation forms mailed to you from Goodman Research Group.
3. Return evaluation forms in self-addressed envelope after your event.

Questions?

http://universe-of-learning.org/girls_steam_ahead
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