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The 2017 Great American Eclipse to be Celebrated at Downtown Central Library Saturday, August 19 & Monday, August 21

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square in downtown Buffalo, will host a free, all-ages Family Day called “Eclipse-O-Rama!” on **Saturday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** A broad array of hands-on activities, games and technology demonstrations themed to the unusual solar eclipse occurring on August 21, the planets and space exploration will be offered by the Library and its Buffalo Eclipse Consortium partners, which include:

Buffalo State College Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium

Buffalo Museum of Science

Buffalo Audubon Society

Buffalo Astronomical Association

Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Preserve

Williamsville Space Lab Planetarium

The complete event schedule for August 19 is linked here:

[CentralLibraryEclipse-O-RamaSchedule. http://www.buffalolib.org/libraries/links/7/files/Eclipse%20O%20Rama%20schedule.pdf](http://www.buffalolib.org/libraries/links/7/files/Eclipse%20O%20Rama%20schedule.pdf).

"Eclipse-O-Rama!" is free and open to the public. This event is a project of the Library's inclusion in the NASA @ My Library Program, one of 75 libraries selected from across the nation. Presented by NASA, StarNet and American Library Association, NASA @ My Library brings NASA astronomy resources to libraries to encourage curiosity and STEM learning.

In addition, the Downtown Central Library will be a viewing site for the solar eclipse on **Monday, August 21 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Buffalo is not in the eclipse's "path of totality," but given clear conditions, an anticipated 60% eclipse may be seen. The public is invited to the Library on this special astronomical occasion for a group viewing at the Washington Street main entrance.

The public is reminded that proper viewing equipment should be used to safely view the eclipse to avoid eye damage. Nearly 3,000 eclipse glasses were distributed through the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries earlier this month. A limited number of free glasses will be available on Saturday, August 19 and Monday, August 21 at Central Library during the program. The Library expresses its sincere appreciation to Buffalo State College – President's Office and Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium for making the eclipse glasses available to the Libraries.

Sat., August 17,

11 - 3 Eclipse-O-Rama Event Schedule ---

Downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Bflo 14203

Ongoing:

Main concourse & Kids Space, main floor: Hands-on activities with Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo Audubon Society, WNY STEM, Girl Scouts of WNY

Info Services space behind Ring of Knowledge: Display, Trouvelot astronomical artworks from the Library's Rare Books Collection

Ring of Knowledge:

Photographs from My Own Backyard by local artist/astronomer Alan Friedman

Nobody knows space like NASA knows space! Selected videos

Launch Pad:

Come try it! Google Earth: Exploring the Moon

Leap Motion: Controlling Speed and Motion

Front ramp at Washington Street entrance:

Exploring the Sun Through the Telescope with Buffalo Astronomical Association and Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Preserve

Specially scheduled:

11 a.m., 12 noon, 1:00, 2:00,

Kids Space: *Sky High Storytime* for our littlest explorers, presented by Buffalo Audubon Society

11 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Launch Pad: HTC Vive VR demos on space exploration

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.,

Ring of Knowledge: *The 2017 Great American Eclipse: History, Geometry and Why You Should Care*, speaker Kevin Williams, Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium at Buffalo State College

12:30 p.m.,

Ring of Knowledge: *What You Should Know About Eclipses*, speaker Warren Marcus, NASA Solar System Ambassador

1:00 & 2:00 p.m.,

Collections Gallery, second floor: Public Tours of *Milestones of Science: Books That Shook the World!* exhibition, with special focus on astronomers

2-4 p.m., West Room:

Adult Coloring with astronomical themes!

For further information visit: www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900.

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