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A vibrant space scene featuring a large, bright yellow sun in the center. To the left, the Earth is shown in a curved view. To the right, Saturn and Jupiter are visible. Other planets and a ringed planet are scattered in the background against a starry space backdrop.

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NASA Astrobiology Institute
Astrobiology at Chicago's Field Museum
Chicago, IL
18-21 May 2017

The NASA Astrobiology Institute Team at Chicago's Field Museum



- More than 30,000 museum visitors viewed the displays
- 450 high school students (90% from underrepresented populations) from the Chicago Public School system were brought to the Field Museum for the event

- On May 18-21, 2017, the NASA Astrobiology Institute team at the University of Illinois presented interactive displays and lectures about the Emergence of Life and Astrobiology in Yellowstone at Chicago's Field Museum
- Positioned between the Field's iconic *T. rex* "Sue" and the warring bull elephants, displays explored the revolutionary NASA-supported work on molecular phylogeny pioneered by Carl Woese, the origin and evolution of life on Earth, and microbial biomarkers in hot springs
- Partners included the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology World of Genomics, the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), the 150th Anniversary of the NPS, the Yellowstone Forever Institute, Zeiss Microscopes, and the Mayo Clinic