Astrobiology for the Incarcerated

Lectures and Hands-on Activities

Salt Lake City, UT

11-13 December 2017
Astrobiology for the Incarcerated is a new collaboration between the Sustainability in Prisons Project, the Initiative to Bring Science Programs to the Incarcerated, and the NASA Astrobiology Program.

Based on the philosophy that there are no “throw away” kids (or learners of any age), this collaboration leverages pre-existing programs that bring lectures to incarcerated adults and hands-on activities to incarcerated youth.

In Salt Lake City, UT from December 11-13, 2017, astrobiology lectures were co-presented by two members of the astrobiology community to both men and women in one jail and one prison. The Astrobiobound! activity was conducted in three Juvenile Justice System facilities.

The response from inmates, staff, and administration was overwhelmingly positive, and impact analysis data are forthcoming.

The program continues in 2018 with more lectures and activities in the Seattle, Washington area.