

Solar System Ambassadors & STAR_Net Libraries

A NASA community program partnership pairing local volunteers with neighborhood libraries

- NASA Science Mission Directorate's Solar System Ambassadors (SSAs) and STAR_Net Library Education Network, funded under STEM Science Activation create a supportive collaboration for libraries to know about and utilize SSAs for programming. The partnership has grown into an effective collaboration showcasing measurable results in 2017
- Current Partnership Efforts & Results
Effort: In March of 2016 and 2017, professional development telecons for both the SSA and STAR_Net featured how to partner with SSA volunteers to provide programming at local libraries
- Result: Within the first 6 months of 2017, SSAs have already reported 142 events at libraries reaching 18,615 people directly; in all of 2016, SSAs ran 139 events at libraries with 11,411 attendees
- Effort: STAR_Net's NASA @ my Library grant specifically suggests reaching out to local SSAs to provide presentations and support for solar eclipse events
- Result:
2017 to date - 212 SSAs have been contacted by libraries as compared to 30 in 2016 and 15 in 2015
- On average we are receiving 5 new inquiries a day so this number is expected to double by the end of 2017

Virginia Beach Central Library SSA event

