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.**

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