

News Release

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The Library of Michigan brings NASA@ My Library to Michigan Libraries

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LANSING – The Library of Michigan is one of only four state library agencies to be selected for *NASA*@ *My Library*, a nationwide science-technology initiative, the Michigan Department of Education announced today.

The Library of Michigan will receive resources, training, and support through *NASA@ My Library*, a STEM education initiative that will increase and enhance STEM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underserved in STEM education.

State Librarian Randy Riley said that collaborating with NASA and its partners creates a unique opportunity for public libraries across Michigan to access essential STEM resources, activities, and hands-on training. The resources and training will be available for local libraries across Michigan to access beginning in July.

"The end goal of NASA@ My Library is to get STEM training to communities that may not have access to many STEM resources, and that public libraries make for an engaging site for the project," Riley said. "The Library of Michigan will be circulating activity kits directly to libraries to steer programming for all ages and will be offering training this fall to public library staff."

The project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) at the Space Science Institute (SSI), in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, the Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science and the Education Development Center. Additional support for this project comes from NASA's Science Mission Directorate (SMD) and made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

For more information on the *NASA*@ *My Library* program, please contact Cathy Lancaster, Youth Services Coordinator at the Library of Michigan, 517-335-8129 or at LancasterC5@Michigan.gov.

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For information about the *NASA*@ *My Library* program, visit https://www.starnetlibraries.org/portfolio-items/nasa-my-library/.