BORROWING A TELESCOPE

* Adult library patrons (18 & over) who have library cards in good standing may borrow a telescope.

* Patrons may reserve a telescope for a specific available week of their choice, similar to reserving a museum pass.

* Telescopes may be borrowed for up to 7 days.

* Telescopes must be reserved through the Children’s Room.

* The borrower signing for a telescope must check it out on their own library card.

* The borrower is responsible for reading the instruction manual for proper use and care.

* Telescopes must be returned to a STAFF MEMBER at the Children’s Room Circulation Desk of the main library.

* Telescopes may NOT be returned in any drop box.

Check out an Orion 4.5 inch StarBlast table top telescope!


BEVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

32 Essex St.
Beverly, MA 01915
www.beverlypubliclibrary.org
978-921-6062

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ONLINE RESOURCES

www.nineplanets.org
Bill Arnett is the author of this thorough website with information about the planets in our solar system. The site includes NASA photographs.

www.kids.nineplanets.org
This is the children’s version of the Nine Planets website.

www.lpi.usra.edu
www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore
The Lunar and Planetary Institute was established during the Apollo missions to foster international collaboration and to serve as a repository for information gathered about the space program. LPI has a great section of lesson plans on space science topics.

www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery
NASA streams live broadcasts of current space missions and briefings over the internet. They also archive footage of past missions.

www.nasa.gov/news/releases/latest
Find current events in astronomy and space exploration.

www.earthsry.org/astronomy-essentials
Lists up-coming astronomical events to watch for such as meteor showers and eclipses.

www.hubblesite.org/videos/tonights_sky
Watch a short video telling you what’s on view in the night sky this month.

www.pbs.org/seeinginthedark/explore-the-sky
PBS has videos showing how to use a telescope, star chart and more.

SUGGESTED APPS

There are a lot of inexpensive astronomy apps for a variety of platforms. It can be fun to bring your tablet with you when you use the telescope to help find out what you’re looking at.

Night Sky
This app shows the names of the constellations and planets in real time. If your device is GPS enabled, you can hold your tablet or phone up to the sky and see all the names of everything in the direction you are facing. This type of app is still useful without GPS. You just have to rotate the sky-map by hand.

ISS Detector Pro
This app will help you spot the International Space Station and smaller satellites as they pass over.

LunarMap HD
This app lists the names of craters and other features on the surface of the moon.

SUGGESTED READING

Backyard Guide to the Night Sky
by Howard Schneider
Child QB 45 .S3334 2009

Constellations: a field guide to the night sky
by Giles Sparrow
Child QB 46 .S63 2013

Turn Left at Orion: hundreds of night sky objects— and how to find them
by Guy Consolmagno
Young Adult QB 63 .C69 2011

Seeing Stars: a complete guide to the 88 constellations
by Sara Gillingham
Child QB 46 .G55 2018

Stargazing with a Telescope
by Robert Scagell
Young Adult QB 63 .S365 2014

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