“Bringing the Stories of the Skies to Your Library”: A Webinar to Help Library Staff Facilitate Virtual STEAM Programs

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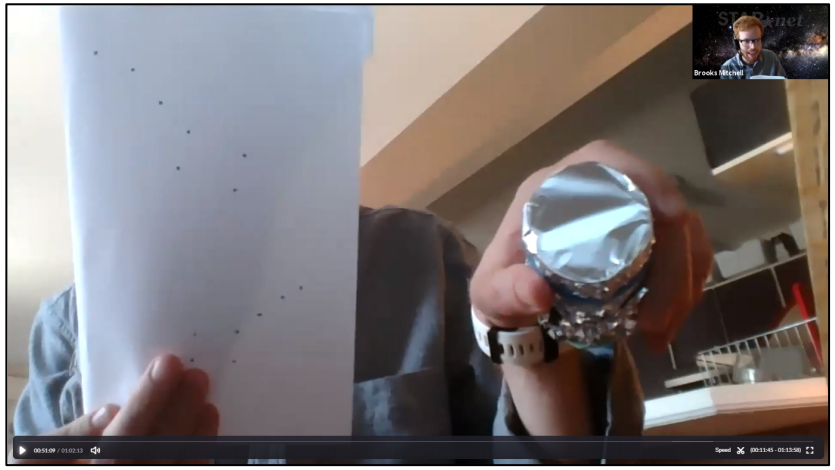
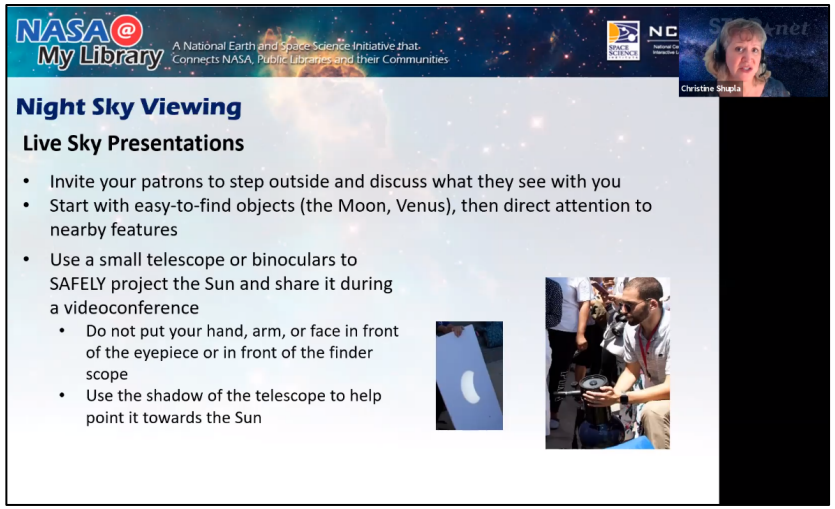
- Presenters from the STAR Library Network (*STAR Net*) facilitated an interactive webinar, "Bringing the Stories of the Skies to Your Library," with Christine Shupla from the Lunar and Planetary Institute and Elizabeth Nicolai from the Anchorage Public Library in Alaska on April 9, 2020.
- The webinar highlighted NASA and NASA-related resources for libraries to help provide virtual STEAM programming for the 2020 summer reading theme, “Imagine Your Story.”
- Constellation stories from indigenous cultures from around the world were highlighted. Strategies and tips for conducting virtual programs (including night sky viewings) were discussed.
- **376** viewers attended the live webinar via Zoom with another **60** joining via YouTube Live. The recording has already been watched over **300** times.

Post-webinar survey quotes:

- ***Fabulous support**! Not only did you present fun ideas but getting input from everyone on how they were revamping was **invaluable**!!*
- *Inspiring. Many great ideas for virtual programming. I may have to **watch it again**!*
- *The ideas discussions presented were very inspiring. Just thinking about these possibilities helps. Hearing what others are doing also **sparks ideas** I can do in my area.*



Above: Brooks Mitchell (*STAR Net*) shows viewers how to make a constellation projector with supplies that they already have at home.
Below: Christine Shupla (LPI) discusses ways that library staff can still conduct virtual live sky presentations