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MISSION: SUPERCHILL TRAINING

February 2, 2016

6 PM to 7:30 PM

Galaxy Stage Space Odyssey

Food and Drink provided

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock by February 1, 2016

Come learn one of the coolest shows in the exhibit! Naomi Pequette will be leading this training. All those attending will need to be liquid nitrogen certified before attending, so please RSVP ASAP if you want to attend and need your certification. To learn more about Superchill, check out [this page](#) of the Portal.

KUDOS: ALISON KEENER

Thanks so much to Alison for her wonderful work a couple of weeks ago in Space Odyssey! She works on the Saturday morning shift and garnered very favorable reviews from our Mystery Shopper when she was working at the GPS cart and as the Astronaut Assistant. You might be wondering: Why are Mystery Shoppers coming to DMNS...? Well for several years now the Museum has been contracting with a Mystery Shopper company

to review our services and help us improve our customer service. If you have questions about our Mystery Shopper program, please let me know.

NEXT SCFD FREE DAY: JANUARY 25

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON ASTRONAUT SCHEDULE

Thanks to everyone for going with the flow on this as Museum Programs is tweaking the timing of the Science on the Fly show which affects the timing of the afternoon astronaut.

ORBITS TABLE UPDATE

The internet connection on the Orbits Table is still out of order and Tech is working on it. Also, you've probably noticed that for some reason, upon start-up, the Earth is encircled by a lot of satellites. We'll get that fixed, but in the meantime, to get rid of those orbits, go to Earth Satellites>100 Brightest and uncheck that box to turn them off.

PLANET MATCHING GAME

For those who know and don't know, the Planet Matching card game is back at the Experiment Bar. You can find it in the top drawer next to where the vacuum pump is stored. We have an extra set of cards too in case these vanish as well but please keep an eye on these cards when facilitating so that they don't wander off. Enjoy!

FACILITATING THE MER (Mars Exploration Rover) MODEL

For those who used to facilitate this model and for those who might want to, I encourage you to do so. While it may not attract the big crowds it used to when it was in the main atrium, there are guests who find their way back there and are interested in it. There is a large sign that sits on the right side of the display but that can be moved closer to the back wall when the model is being facilitated. Just put it back when you're done. If you have any questions, let me know.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1954, the Museum partnered with Denver Public Schools to hire an onsite educator, formalizing our commitment to inspiring our community, which continues to be at the core of our mission.

A year later, the first planetarium opened when a small third-floor room was equipped with a star projector and fabric dome. Because of its success, the Museum began planning for a larger venue, and in 1968 opened the Charles C. Gates Planetarium.

--From the DMNS Volunteer Handbook

SKY TERRACE SIGNAGE COMING

Sometime this Spring, Exhibits will be installing a new sign that will identify major landmarks visible from the Sky Terrace.

MARS ROVER EXHIBIT MONITORS

One monitor is back in action. We're still waiting on the other monitor to be installed.

RECENTLY ADDED SCIENCE ON A SPHERE DATASETS

Our system is updated by NOAA every Monday with the latest, greatest datasets on a continuous basis. You can also search the NOAA site directly by [clicking here](#).

NASA CLIMATE UPDATE

<http://climate.nasa.gov/news/>

COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

[Shuttle Booster Launch/landing Video](#)

[Amazing Ceres Pics](#)

SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2016, made possible by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. As part of the Museum's agreement to receive funds from SCFD, which account for a significant portion of the Museum's operating budget, the Museum offers these Free Days throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. To see the dates for all the Free Days and to learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

trainings and meetings

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM IN THE MUSEUM SETTING

Tuesday January 19, 2016

Studio 106

RSVP by Monday, January 18 to Wesley Jones, Wesley.Jones@dmns.org

This training is for anyone interested in learning more about those who have autism and want to help them have a better experience here at the Museum.

Our presenter will be Ms. Erica deDufour, Programs Manager with the Autism Society of Colorado. Topics covered include: What is Autism? Diagnosing Autism and Related Statistics; Autism and Human Behavior; How to Support Caregivers

INFRARED TABLE TRAINING WITH DR. DIMITRI KLEBE

February 2, 2016

3 PM to 4 PM

Infrared Table in Space Odyssey

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock

Join us for an informal training at the Infrared Table with Dr. Dimitri Klebe, our Space Science Newsroom Content Specialist who is also an astronomer and very knowledgeable in all things electromagnetic.

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SCIENCE ON A SPHERE USER GROUP

February 8, 2016

SOS in Space O

RSVP to Dave Blumenstock

Please join us for our monthly SOS collaborative meeting where we discuss all things Science On a Sphere related. If you have an agenda item you'd like to discuss or want some training or just want to stop in, please let me know.

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60 MINUTES IN SPACE

Go "behind the stories" in space science using the best images and animation available to help understand new developments. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Please use the Member entrance on the north side of the Museum.

The next 60 Minutes in space will be on February 24.

Location:

Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:

Wednesday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Tickets:

FREE

DIGITAL EARTH: ISLAND GETAWAY

Leave the winter blues behind and virtually travel with geologist Bob Raynolds and space scientist Ka Chun Yu to special islands around the world.

Using immersive satellite imagery, wander the path of Thor Heyerdahl's voyage on the Kon-Tiki, explore Charles Darwin's concept of atolls, and sense the geopolitical importance of the Spratly Islands. Consider island genesis (some by fire, some by ice), the pleasures of archipelagos, and the issues of sustainability experienced today by dwellers of these island worlds, and Madagascar.

Location:
Gates Planetarium

Date/Time:
Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m.

Tickets:
\$8 member, \$10 nonmember

[Buy Now](#)

RESERVATION INFO

Volunteers have the opportunity to attend most After Hours programs priced at the \$8 member/ \$10 nonmember rate for free on a space-available basis. Volunteers always receive the member rate for all other Adult Programs. Please call Guest Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation. Guest Services is open daily, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

To save time the night of the program, we recommend picking up your tickets anytime during regular Museum hours at the north ticket desk. You can also pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier on your way into the program on the night of the program. You will always need a ticket to attend programs.

On the evening of the program, please enter through the same entrance as our guests and pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Adult Programs!

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DMNS BOOK DRIVE: JANUARY 18 THRU FEBRUARY 1

Partnership Efforts with [Reading Partners Colorado](#)

Benefitting [Columbine Elementary](#)

It is finally time for our very first **DMNS Staff & Volunteer Book Drive** in partnership with **Reading Partners Colorado** and **Columbine Elementary**! We will be collecting new and gently used books for **grade levels K-4th** from

January 18, 2016 - February 1st, 2016.

There are two distinct ways you can donate. **Three collection bins** will be strategically placed in staff and volunteer only areas where you can drop off your donated books. In addition to bringing books to the designated collection bins, we also have a personalized **DMNS Amazon Wish List** focusing on informational and science related texts. Books purchased via this Wish List will ship directly to Reading Partners and stored there until we can take all donations to Columbine Elementary at the conclusion of the drive.

Collection Bins are located:

Copy Room in South East Office Area

Staff & Volunteer Lounge

Main Entrance to the North Basement Office Area

DMNS Amazon Wish List:

<http://amzn.com/w/1AHIJE9S22OF4>

Our goal is to collect **200 new and gently used books!** However, knowing the community we have here at DMNS, I am certain we will far surpass our goal.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you begin to gather books for donation. We want to ensure that students continue to receive high-quality texts, are proud of the books they select, and thus enjoy their literacy efforts!

- Donations of both fiction and nonfiction texts are greatly appreciated.
- Please provide new or gently used texts. **Books that have been written in or have torn or ripped pages will not be circulated to students.**
- Religious texts will not be given out to students.
- Please refrain from donating activity books (with questions/ problems to solve) or coloring books.
- Please provide elementary school age appropriate books (ages 5-11).

Please, feel free to email me with any questions or concerns about the book drive and/or Reading Partners Colorado and I will be happy to provide more information. Also, be on the lookout for reminders and updates as we move forward with our drive.

Get excited for our first DMNS Staff & Volunteer Book Drive with Reading Partners Colorado, and thank you in advance for your generous support!

Click [here for book donation instructions](#) and [click here for a list of recommended texts](#).

ESCALATOR UPGRADE NOTE

In case you were wondering, the window that revealed the mechanism for the North escalator will remain in place.

MUSEUM LECTURE AND PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

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[Click here for Gates Planetarium Daily Show Schedule](#)

[Click here for Museum IMAX information](#)

volunteer enrichment committee

Click here for more information about VEC events:

<http://volunteers.dmns.org/events/>

Or see the bulletin board in the Volunteer Lounge for more info.

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