

Telescope Lending Policy

John A Stahl Library

The lending of this library telescope is made possible by the Horkheimer Charitable Fund, the Astronomical League and the Northeast Nebraska Astronomy Club. The awarded telescope is intended to benefit the community and promote amateur astronomy.

Lending Policy:

1. The 4.5 inch StarBlast telescope may be checked out by John A Stahl Library patrons who are 16 years old or older. Patrons under the age of 16 must have a parent co-sign.
2. The borrower must have a current library card in good standing.
3. The borrower agrees to attend an informative telescope session to be briefed on the use and care of the telescope.
4. The telescope may be borrowed for one week.
5. The telescope must be returned to a staff member for inspection.

Safety:

1. Children under 16 must be supervised at all times when handling the telescope.
2. Permanent eye damage can result from looking directly at the sun through the telescope.

Liability:

1. The borrower who checked out the telescope and signed the Telescope Borrowing Agreement is responsible for all costs associated with damage, loss or theft of the telescope. The replacement cost for the 4.5 StarBlast telescope is \$400.00.
2. The borrower is responsible for the proper care and use. The telescope must be kept in a clean, dry, dust-free environment, safe from rapid temperature changes and humidity. Do not store the telescope outdoors.

Telescope Circulation Policy and Lending Agreement
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Telescope Circulation Policy

1. The borrower must have a valid library card in good standing.
2. The borrower must be 16 years old or older.
3. The lending period is one week.
4. The borrower agrees to attend a telescope session to be briefed on the use and care of the telescope.
5. The borrower must agree to and sign the Telescope Lending Agreement.

Telescope Lending Agreement

1. I agree to take the instruction telescope class.
2. I agree to never look directly at the sun through the telescope. I understand that permanent eye damage will result if I use the telescope to view the sun. I understand that even pointing the telescope at the sun could result in telescope parts melting.
3. I agree to never allow children under the age of 16 to use the telescope without adult supervision.
4. I agree to store the telescope with dust caps on in a clean, dry, dust-free place. I agree not to store the telescope outdoors.
5. I understand that if the telescope is damaged that I am responsible for repairing or replacing the telescope. The replacement cost is \$400.00.
6. I will not hold the John A Stahl Library liable for any damages to myself or others as a result of borrowing or using this telescope.
7. I will return the telescope on time so that others will be able to enjoy it. I agree to return the telescope to library staff at the circulation desk.

Borrower's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co signature (if needed) _____

Date Due Back: _____ Staff Initials: _____

Date Returned: _____ Staff Initials: _____

Thank You. Have fun with the telescope. Adults who check it out are encouraged to share their viewing of the night sky with children.

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