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SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS VISIONS OF THE UNIVERSE TRAVELING EXHIBIT

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Galileo Galilei transformed our knowledge of the universe in 1609 when he peered into the cosmos using an astronomical telescope – the first person to do so. An exciting new exhibit at Sunnyvale Public Library celebrates that event and tells the story of how astronomy has evolved over the 400 years since then. “Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery” uses historical drawings and diagrams made by Galileo and other early astronomers, along with dramatic contemporary images taken by the Hubble Space Telescope and other space missions, to show how our views and understanding of the universe and the objects within it have changed over the centuries.

The traveling exhibit, which is visiting 55 libraries throughout the U.S., is part of a multi-year global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture, highlighted by the 400th anniversary of Galileo’s achievement. In the U.S., the goal of this continuing celebration is to offer an engaging astronomy experience to every person in the country.

The Visions of the Universe exhibit is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Mary.; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.; and the American Library Association, Chicago, through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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Several astronomy programs are being presented at the Library in January and February for adults and children to expand the impact of this exhibit, which runs through March 4.

The Library is located at 665 West Olive Ave., across from City Hall. Free parking is always available, and VTA line 54 serves the Library. More information on Library programs and activities is available on the Library's Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, or by calling the Library at (408) 730-7300, TDD (408) 730-7501.

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