

TELESCOPE BORROWING AGREEMENT

Name _____ Library Card No.: _____

- I understand that the ASTRONOMY DISCOVERY KIT (includes telescope) can only be checked out by a member of the Thomaston Public Library who is 18 years or older and in good standing. (Patron must present a valid Maine driver's license or government issued ID.)
- Children under 18 must be supervised by an adult while using the telescope.
- RETURN: I understand that the DISCOVERY KIT must be returned directly to Staff at the desk.
- TRANSPORT: I understand that the telescope must be transported in a vehicle and secured with a seatbelt.
- LOAN PERIOD: I understand that the loan period is for 2 weeks with no renewals. If the telescope is not returned within one week of its due date, I will be charged the full replacement costs detailed below.
- LIABILITY: I accept full responsibility for the telescope and accessories while checked out to me including liability for repair costs if the telescope is damaged and liability for replacement costs if the telescope is lost or stolen while checked out to me.
- Any costs incurred will be added to my library record and all privileges to borrow library materials will be suspended until the debt is paid in full to the Thomaston Public Library.

Replacement Costs

- Telescope, finder, lens, eyepiece \$355
- Accessory Pack (headlamp, instruction manual, constellation pocket guide) \$31.95
- Books & Resources in Discovery Kit Backpack \$167.80

CAUTION - DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN WHILE USING THE TELESCOPE; DOING THIS CAN BLIND THE USER. THE LIBRARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE A PATRON INFLECTS UPON ONESELF OR THE TELESCOPE.

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I received from the Library staff:

- A demonstration how to carry the telescope safely.
- A demonstration how to travel with telescope safely in my car.
- A demonstration how to turn the finder on & off, using the finder to locate an object.
- A demonstration on viewing and focusing the telescope.
- The ASTRONOMY DISCOVERY KIT backpack of resources and the telescope.

Date Borrowed _____

Borrower's Signature _____

Maine State Driver's License No. _____

Library Staff Signature _____

Date Returned _____ Received by _____

ASTRONOMY DISCOVERY KIT

Included in this Astronomy Discovery Kit:

(Please note that the backpack of resources must be borrowed along with the telescope.)

1. Orion 4.5" Starblast Telescope (modified), \$355.00
2. Accessory Pack, \$31.95 (Fanny pack attached to the telescope) which includes:
 - a. Instruction Manual, \$10.00
 - b. Headlamp, \$10.00
 - c. National Audubon Society Pocket Guide: Constellations, \$11.95

Inside the Astronomy Discovery Kit Backpack:

3. STAR Program Manual \$10.00
4. Sky Map (In back pocket inside the Manual. Be sure it is for the current month) Patron may keep. \$0.00
5. The Night Sky Planisphere 40° - 50° Star Finder, \$14.99
6. What Do Black Holes Eat for Dinner? And Other Silly, Yet Totally Smart, Questions About Space by Dr. Grant Tremblay and Katie Coppens, \$16.95
7. How Long Do Stars Last? By Emily Hudd, \$27.99
8. Astronomy (DK / Eyewitness Books) by Kristen Lippincott, \$19.99
9. The Secret Galaxy by Fran Hodgkins, photographs by Mike Taylor, \$16.95
10. Universe (DK / Eyewitness Books) by Robin Kerrod, \$19.99
11. 365 Starry Nights by Chet Raymo, \$21.95
12. The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity by Elizabeth Rusch. \$18.99

Total value of Astronomy Discovery Kit: \$554.75