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Explore the cosmos with Eye in the Sky: The Hubble Space Telescope

Enjoy a look at the past and future of one of the most amazing and productive instruments in the history of science: the Hubble Space Telescope.

Eye in the Sky: The Hubble Space Telescope is the latest event in the KFPL live speakers series, and part of Science Literacy Week programming. Presenter Frank Hitchens returns to KFPL for the fourth time, following popular programs covering the search for extraterrestrial life, the risk of high-impact collision events, and the Apollo 11 mission.

Eye in the Sky: The Hubble Space Telescope takes place Saturday, September 25 from 2-3:30 p.m. Registrants have two options: attending the talk <u>in-person at the Isabel Turner Branch</u>, or joining a <u>Zoom</u> <u>livestream</u>.

There is space for up to 10 people at the in-person session, with all registrants required to complete the Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment screening before attending the program. All in-person participants over the age of two must wear a mask throughout the program and while visiting the library, and will be asked to check in on arrival.

"It's inspiring that something launched so long ago with technology of the 1980s is still in service and will continue to deliver important data for years to come," said Anne Hall, Programming and Outreach Librarian. "The ingenuity and cooperation among the thousands of scientists, engineers and astronauts involved in repeatedly upgrading its components and systems in orbit, and in solving problems, is impressive."

Hubble, launched in 1990, has a special connection to Canada. The Canadarm deployed it, and was used to repair and upgrade Hubble until 2011.

"The continuing commitment, from so many individuals and agencies, to ensuring international access to such a wide range of scientists, including amateur astronomers, gives hope that we can come to-gether to cooperate on such a large scale," Hall concluded.

For more information about this event, visit www.kfpl.ca or call your local branch.

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