



## Media Release

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### **Solar spotlight: Learn with KFPL, Queen's, The McDonald Institute in advance of Oct. eclipse**

Solar eclipses are awe-inspiring natural phenomena that provide an excellent opportunity for skywatchers and astronomy enthusiasts to witness the beauty and wonder of our universe — an opportunity soon coming with a solar eclipse crossing North, Central and South America on October 14.

To enhance the experience, the Kingston Frontenac Public Library (KFPL) will host Queen's University and The McDonald Institute for Standing in the Shadow of the Moon, an exploration of the history and mechanics of eclipses.

Professors Daryn Lehoux and Sarah Sadavoy will explore the significance of this natural wonder, offering attendees an understanding of the influence of eclipses on culture and belief systems, as well as the physical circumstances that make eclipses possible.

“Celestial events like the upcoming solar eclipse are not just mysteries to behold; they’re opportunities to demystify the cosmos and deepen our understanding of the universe and human behaviour,” said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. “This cosmic exploration, guided by the expertise of Professors Lehoux and Sadavoy, bridges the gap between the marvels of the universe and our shared human experience.”

The event takes place on October 4 at 6 p.m. at the Isabel Turner Branch. Register at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/9008386>.

For aspiring young astronomers ages 6-12, KFPL is also offering an opportunity to create solar eclipse projectors in partnership with Queen's, to support safe viewing. The program is happening on October 7 at 2 p.m. at the Calvin Park Branch, with registration opening on September 23 at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/8965335>.

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