

Southborough LibGuide: Astronomy Resources



Did you know?

The Southborough Library has two telescopes in its collection. CW/MARS cardholders may borrow a telescope for two weeks.

How do I check out the library's telescope?

To reserve a telescope, you may call the library or visit the circulation desk to provide your name and library card number. So that all interested patrons have equal access, the library has a non-renewal policy for the telescopes. Telescopes that are not returned on time are subject to a \$5.00/day fine.

I'm excited to use the telescope, but I'm a little afraid that I or someone in my family might break it.

When you check out a telescope, a staff member will review the telescope's functionality with you and also highlight the accompanying instructions. Please read all of the materials before using the telescope.



Using a telescope with family members is a great way to share time together. We suggest that only adults operate the telescope and supervise any young children nearby.

I know how to operate the telescope. How can I tell what I am looking at? Southborough Library has a number of resources in its collections which provide more information about constellations and the night sky, in addition to broader content on astronomy.

[Our Night Sky](#)

Call # GREAT COURSES DVD-KIT 520 MURPHY

[2020 Guide to the Night Sky](#)

Call # 523 Dunlop

[The Astronomy Bible: The Definitive Guide to the Night Sky and the Universe](#)

Call # 520 COUPER

[The Solar System](#)

Call # 523.2 FISHER v. 3

[Origins Fourteen Billion Years of Cosmic Evolution](#)

Call # DVD 500 Origins

[Stars and Atoms : From the Big Bang to the Solar System](#)

Call # 520 CLARK

My family and I have learned so much about astronomy by using the telescope and reviewing the recommended materials! We want to learn more about the history of astronomy research, along the idea of the recent movie and book, *Hidden Figures*. Any suggestions?

Yes! Librarians from the Wolbach Library at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics have curated some digital collections included in the Smithsonian Learning Lab. Check out the richness of these resources:

- **[Williamina Fleming: Discoveries and Biographical Resources](#)**
- **[The Science of Henrietta Swan Leavitt](#)**
- **[Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin and the Components of Stars](#)**
- **[Annie Jump Cannon: Biographical Digital Resources](#)**
- **[Henrietta Swan Leavitt Web Resources](#)**
- **[Astronomical Observational Images: The Naked Eye Through Current Observations](#)**