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# From Our Town to the Moon, Mars, and Beyond

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Visitors explore a jigsaw puzzle touch table, one of several low-barrier-to-entry components in the exhibit.

Credits: Space Science Institute

From Our Town to the Moon, Mars, and Beyond is partnering with public libraries to help inform, engage, and inspire new and underserved public audiences. The project is run from the Space Science Institute, with evaluation through EDC, and support from the Johnson Space Flight Center Astromaterials group. The primary project goals of the project are to increase youth and adult patrons' interest in and engagement

with NASA's Moon/Mars program, its contributions to STEM disciplines, and related STEM careers; build the capacity of public libraries nationwide to utilize NASA resources and deliver inspirational NASA-based STEM learning experiences to their communities; create innovative collaborations between project team members, NASA mission partners, and public libraries, to provide sustained STEM programming for youth and adults; and effectively reach underserved and underrepresented library populations in their communities. In 2023, the exhibit continued its national tour, traveling to libraries in Arizona, Iowa, New Hampshire, New York, and Connecticut.

#### List of Partners:

- Johnson Space Center
- National Center for Interactive Learning
- STAR Net National Library Network

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