Telescope Lending Policy



- Borrowing is restricted to Westminster residents over 17 years of age with no overdue charges or lost materials currently on record.
- A *Telescope User Agreement* must be completed with each checkout.
- The telescope and all components must be returned *in person* to a staff member at the main circulation desk of Forbush Library.

Including:

- Carrier box with 2 pillows
- Telescope with attached eyepiece and finder scope
- Belt pouch with headlamp
- Zippered pouch containing:
 - o Instruction manual
 - o Klutz Guide to Backyard Stars
 - Starry Night
 - Heavens Map (National Geographic)
 - o Cornerstones of Science Star Program (book)
 - o Constellations (book)
- The loan period is 7 days. It may be renewed once.
- A late return fee of \$15.00 per day will be charged after the loan period.
- If the telescope is not returned within 2 weeks of the due date, \$375.00 will be charged to cover the replacement cost.
- Forbush Library will not be held liable for any injuries incurred as a result of telescope use.

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Guidelines for Telescope Care and Use

- **Never** look directly at the sun through the telescope or the finder scope, even for a moment; eye damage could result. Pointing the telescope at the sun could damage the instrument.
- Read the instruction manual for proper care and use of this telescope
- Practice with the telescope indoors before night use
- Do not loan the telescope to anyone
- Children must be supervised while using the telescope
- Keep all parts together at all times
- Do not remove parts or attempt adjustments
- Do not try to clean mirrors or lenses
- Keep the telescope in a clean, dry, dust-free space, safe from rapid changes in temperature and humidity
- Keep dust caps on the front of the telescope and focuser when not in use
- Remember to turn off the rangefinder when not in use
- Use a seatbelt around the case when transporting in a vehicle

Date Borrowed:	Date Due:

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- ❖ Late return fee is \$15 per day
- ❖ Telescope must be returned in person at the main circulation desk
- ❖ NEVER look at the sun through the telescope

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Checkout: Keep this form on file.

- Have patron read *Telescope Lending Policy* and complete/sign the *User's Agreement* portion of this form.
- Give *Telescope Lending Policy* to borrower. Fill in <u>date borrowed</u> and <u>date due.</u>
- Confirm borrower phone number and barcode on *User's Agreement* (below).
- Checkout with barcode at circulation desk.
- Check that telescope and all parts are included in the carrier box.

Check in:

Check telescope for damaged/ missing parts:

- Carrier box with 2 pillows
- Telescope with attached eyepiece and finder scope
- Belt pouch with headlamp
- Zippered pouch containing:
 - o Instruction manual
 - o Klutz Guide to Backyard Stars
 - Starry Night
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Check telescope in with barcode.

Enter <u>date returned</u> and <u>initial</u> the patron's *User's Agreement* below:

User's Agreement

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of the Forbush Library's Loan Policy and Guidelines for Telescope Care. I agree to use it responsibly and to pay all appropriate costs up to \$375 should the telescope or any component be lost, stolen, damaged, or not returned.

Date borrowed:	Date due:	Renewed to:	
Patron Barcode #:			
Name (print):			
Signature:		Date:	
Date Returned:		Staff initials:	

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