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## community news *in brief*

### Louisville Library First to Host National Science Exhibit Discover Earth: A Century of Change, Opens November 5

LOUISVILLE, CO – October 27, 2011 – From November 5 through December 23, the Library will host an exciting new interactive exhibit. This free exhibit, on loan from the Boulder-based Space Science Institute, will make Louisville its first stop on its 10-library national tour. The exhibit highlights the people who carry out earth and environmental science research in challenging places, such as the North and South Poles and in the deep ocean.

The exhibit features several hands-on displays including Magic Planet, which allows patrons to explore stunning visualizations of the global earth system produced by NASA and NOAA, such as tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, plate tectonics, changing sea ice, and more. There is also a real-time digital weather station on the Library roof that is collecting data to show local temperature, pressure, and precipitation changes during the exhibit's two-month stop at the Louisville Public Library.

Along with the exhibits, visitors are encouraged to participate in creating a photo archive of local environmental changes within the last 100 years by displaying personal photos of the local area as part of the exhibition. Come in to the Library gallery on the first floor to see photos of Louisville and Boulder County and bring in your own photos, stories, and artwork to add as part of the display!



While the exhibit is here, the Library is offering a variety of programs focused on earth science and stewardship including a visit by **Mike Nelson, Channel 7 Chief Meteorologist, on Nov. 17 from 6:45-7:30pm**. Mr. Nelson will be talking about the science of weather, and a series of interactive children's programs and story time sessions. Make sure to check the Library website and Facebook pages for the calendar of events.

"The Louisville Public Library is extremely fortunate to be the first library in the nation to host this museum-quality exhibition," said Beth Barrett, Director of Library and Museum Services. "The American Library Association and the Space Science Institute are teaming up to pique curiosity in the science and technology that underlie our understanding of weather and climate, and are doing so in eye-catching ways that pull you right in. The weather station that's part of the exhibit will stay at the Louisville Library and we look forward to joining with local schools to help students learn about the area's weather and climate for years to come."

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