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## **Free Eclipse Glasses, Programs at EVPL to Prepare For and Celebrate Total Solar Eclipse**

*February 1, 2024* – In anticipation of the April 8 total solar eclipse, EVPL is now offering free eclipse viewing glasses to library cardholders, as well as eclipse-related programs to inform, amaze, and entertain patrons of all ages.

Free eclipse glasses are available beginning today at all EVPL locations for library cardholders. The cardholder account must be in good standing, and cardholders will be limited to one pair of glasses and must be present to receive their glasses. Those attending EVPL eclipse programs and outreach events will also be eligible to receive a free pair of glasses, and a library card is not required to participate in any of these activities. EVPL eclipse glasses are sponsored by the EVPL Foundation and will be available while supplies last.

EVPL has also planned more than 20 eclipse-related EVPL programs and outreach activities, with more to be added in the coming weeks.

“Throughout humanity’s existence, eclipses have inspired the spectrum of human emotion,” said Erika Qualls Barnett, Programming Manager. “We have developed a variety of events and programs that fit perfectly with EVPL’s mission to ‘cultivate curiosity by creating wonder,’ and we look forward to sharing these experiences with our patrons.”

Eclipse-related events will kick-off on Monday, February 19 (Presidents Day) with a special trivia event, “Planets, Presidents and Pre-Contact Peoples” held at Angel Mounds. Admission to Angel Mounds is free on the holiday, and participation in the trivia event is also free.

EVPL SolarFest will take place at each of EVPL’s eight locations in the final weeks leading up to the eclipse. SolarFest is for all ages, and will include an eclipse-themed storytime, crafts, science activities, a solar telescope for safe sun viewing, and citizen science education for making scientific observations on the day of the eclipse.

Additional programs include inspiration for hosting eclipse watch parties, eclipse-themed crafts and STEAM activities, and informative lectures from scientists, educators, and authors.

More information about EVPL’s eclipse initiatives is available at [evpl.org/eclipse](http://evpl.org/eclipse).

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