

# THE EXHIBIT

*The Newsletter of UL Lafayette Science Museum*



## Letter from the Director

DR. JENNIFER E. HARGRAVE, UL LAFAYETTE SCHOOL OF GEOSCIENCES



I can always tell when the end of the school year is upon us – the number of field trips we see in the museum nearly doubles at this time each year! Seeing all the excited students as they explore the exhibits is definitely a job highlight for me. I love to see all the curious faces!

I send a sincere thank you to everyone who came to the museum for our book signing event with Dr. Neil Shubin. We had a packed house with a mix of academics, students, and families. It was so great to see everyone coming together to hear such a renowned speaker. It was easily my favorite event we've hosted at the museum, and it wouldn't

be possible without our supporters, so thank you!

As always, the fun doesn't end when the school year does. We are gearing up for another "Summer of Science". Be sure to check our Facebook page and website to make sure you don't miss any of it!

Best wishes,

Dr. Jennifer Hargrave,  
Museum Director



## Open for Festival International

IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO USE YOUR MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

UL Lafayette Science Museum is pleased to announce that the museum will be open during Festival International with special hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25-27.

For the last few years, due to staffing constraints, UL Lafayette Science Museum has not been able to open during on the weekend during Festival International.

The museum's prime downtown location right on Jefferson Street is the perfect spot for visitors to pop-in to tour our exhibits, complete a science activity, or catch a planetarium show. You can also take advantage of our snack and drink machines and browse the gift shop. We have a variety of items that will be a perfect addition to your musical weekend.

Now is the perfect time to become a member or renew your museum membership! Entry is free with a museum membership

Festival hours will be 9am-4pm on Friday, April 25, 10am-5pm on Saturday, April 26 and 1pm-5pm on Sunday, April 27. There will be no planetarium show at 4 pm on Friday, April 25.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**POP-UP SCIENCE - APR 5**

**STEM SATURDAY:  
METEOROLOGY - APR 12**

**EASTER CLOSURES - APR  
18 (GOOD FRIDAY) & APR  
20 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**FESTIVAL  
INTERNATIONAL OPEN  
HOURS - APR 25 9AM-  
4PM, APR 26 10AM-5PM,  
APR 27 1-5PM**

**POP-UP SCIENCE - APR 26**

**STEM SATURDAY:  
PHYSICS - MAY 10**



# STEM Saturdays

Join us for special STEM Saturday activities on the second Saturday of each month, sponsored by a grant from Halliburton.

On April 12, from 10-2pm  
KLFY TV 10 Meteorologist

Heath Morton will present extra activities focused on weather. Then on Saturday, May 10, we'll have a STEM Saturday focused on Physics. STEM Saturdays offer extra activities focused on a science topic. Activities are open-ended, allowing visitors to come and go while also touring exhibits and the planetarium. Activities are best for elementary and middle school ages, but older kids and adults can have fun learning something new or helping younger children.



# Pop-Up Science



SURPRISE! We'll have science pop-up events on the following dates: April 5 & 26. Stop in for a fun science activity anytime between 11am and 3pm, then enjoy exploring exhibits and take in a planetarium show. Our surprise science pop-ups feature extra activities focused on a science topic and are included with regular museum admission. It's always a fun surprise to find out what new science topic we'll explore. Hints for this month's pop-ups include oscillation and Earth Day!

# Space Trivia Night Winners

TEAM SPACE COWBOYS NAMED 2025 SPACE TRIVIA CHAMPIONS!

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Aqueos Corporation, we hosted an out-of-this world Space Trivia Night on Thursday, March 20. Categories included space travel, astronomy, physics science fiction, music and pop-culture.

Team Space Cowboys were named the 2025 Space Trivia Champions and won the coveted trophy and gift cards donated by Cavalier House Books.

Proceeds from trivia night help support events and programs aligned with our mission to provide informative and interactive experiences in STEM fields to the community, K-12 students, and University students, provide innovative research opportunities, and preserve current and future museum collections for use in exhibits, classrooms, and scientific research.



# In the Planetarium

## APRIL & MAY SCHEDULE

The universe awaits in our state-of-the-art, all-digital, full-dome planetarium! Our regular schedule includes shows every Friday at 4 p.m. and a Saturday morning children's program at 11:15 a.m. Programs continue Saturday and Sunday at 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m.

Note: As we work to grow our planetarium team, The Sky Tonight or an alternate program will be shown depending on staff availability. Also, there will be no 4 p.m. show on Friday, April 25, 2025.

APRIL	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:15 a.m.		Secret of the Cardboard Rocket	
1:30 p.m.		ALMA - In Search of Cosmic Origins	ALMA - In Search of Cosmic Origins
2:45 p.m.		We Choose Space	We Choose Space
4:00 p.m.	The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight

MAY	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:15 a.m.		Secret of the Cardboard Rocket	
1:30 p.m.		Chasing the Ghost Particle	Chasing the Ghost Particle
2:45 p.m.		ALMA - In Search of Cosmic Origins	ALMA - In Search of Cosmic Origins
4:00 p.m.	The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight	The Sky Tonight



# Curiosity Corner

## EARTH DAY SCAVENGER HUNT



 <p>Recycle</p>	 <p>Reuse a Bottle</p>	 <p>Spot a Butterfly</p>
 <p>Plant Something</p>	 <p>Look for Pollinators</p>	 <p>Turn off a light</p>
 <p>Conserve Water</p>	 <p>Pick up Litter</p>	 <p>Find a Bird's Nest</p>
 <p>Reuse a Bag</p>	 <p>Ride a Bike</p>	 <p>Save Energy</p>

HAPPY  
EARTH DAY  
APRIL 22

