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Curiosity Rover Program Brings Mars Exploration to All Ages

New Braunfels, TX - The Curiosity rover landed on the surface of Mars in August 2012 to search for water and microbial life. Now kids, teens and adults can learn about the robotic rover and its discoveries at a free event at the New Braunfels Public Library on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Participants will see video images of Mars and space taken by Curiosity and hear astrophysicist Kevin Manning, a former NASA consultant, explain what scientists have learned from Curiosity so far. Manning will also discuss the Kepler spacecraft, which was launched in 2009 and has made headlines for its discoveries of new planets outside our solar system. Participants will also go outdoors and view celestial objects, including craters on the moon, the rings of Saturn and distant stars through telescopes.

“Space exploration inspires students of all ages to become more interested in science, technology, engineering and math. These skills are in high demand, and many parents ask us for more science and technology programs for their children,” said Youth Services Librarian, Kit Ward-Crixell. “We’re excited to bring this Curiosity program to families.”

The program is made possible through the support of *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library*. For more information about this event call the library Kit Ward-Crixell at 830-221-4319.

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