

MONTHLY MEDIA DISPATCH

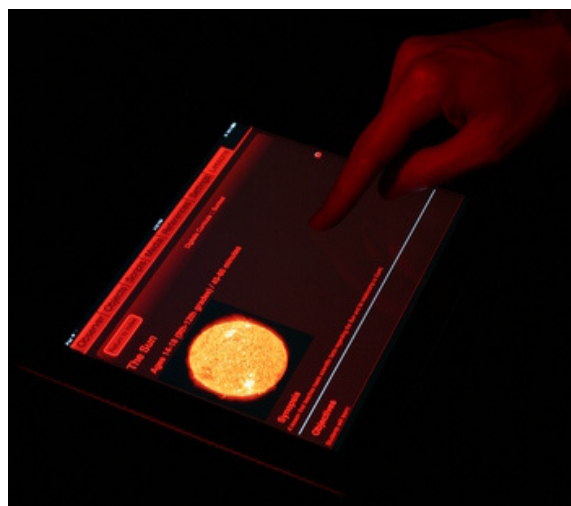
The newsletter of the Erie 2 BOCES Media Center

Bringing Astronomy into the School

One of the deepest resources that we offer, in terms of an immersive and fascinating learning experience for students, is our pair of **Digitarium portable planetariums**. These are sophisticated pieces of hardware that can turn your school's library, gymnasium, or any similarly large space into a planetarium, where astronomy and other science topics can come alive in a way that's impossible to replicate on a screen or smartboard.

I've had the opportunity to receive training recently on the ins and outs of using the Digitarium from the manufacturer, **Digitalis**. I've learned that there's an immense amount that these planetariums are capable of.

An important part of the Digitarium system that I've become more familiar with is the Universal Console, a graphical user interface that allows you to use an iPad (included in our kits) to control the device.



Having recently been updated with a new and more intuitive layout, the Universal Console interface makes it easy to run lesson plans and project media. The media display function even supports 360 degree images and videos, for a truly immersive experience.

As intuitive as the interface is, training is still necessary when seeking to get the most out of something as deep as the Digitarium. Given the complexities of the system, the Digitariums are available to instructors who have previously undergone training through Digitalis.

Currently, our hope is to offer in-person training sessions this coming spring so that more teachers can access this wonderful resource. These sessions will be open to new users or to those looking to get a refresher on using the system. If you would like to be notified when training sessions become available, please contact me (ctwichell@e2ccb.org).

Math Videos Available to Add On to Generation Genius

Streaming videos and other curricular resources made available through Generation Genius



The streaming service Generation Genius has a new set of resources available: streaming math videos for grades K-8!

Your school's participation in the BOCES Media Center already gives you free access to the many science lessons available to stream on Generation Genius. These new, standards-based resources in mathematics are available for purchase as an optional add-on, through the video streaming extended CoSer 501.070.

To learn more, please reach out to Brian Mayer, Media Library Coordinator (bmayer@e2ccb.org).



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New Audiobooks Available in Sora

New titles have been added to the collection!

As a supplement to our physical books, the Media Center offers a number of audiobooks via Sora. We have recently added a number of new audiobooks to Sora, with selections to complement recently added physical books.



Sora

We hope that these additions will prove valuable to teachers using the physical copies. These titles will be discoverable by students in the SORA catalog.

Titles added include:

- Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail
- Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You
- Gregor the Overlander
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- Eagle Song, by Joseph Bruchac
- Starfish
- When you Trap a Tiger
- Flush
- From the Desk of Zoe Washington
- The Light in the Hidden Places
- Luck of the Titanic
- The Night Divided
- Song for a Whale
- We are Not Free
- When you Reach Me