

40th anniversary of Apollo 11 is focus of new exhibit at Schoolhouse Museum

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The Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., and the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., are collaborating on a new summer exhibit called "Living by the Launch" in honor of the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11. Community members are able to participate by sharing their memories and memorabilia with the museum.

Janet DeVries, archivist for the library and the museum, said in addition to the community events, the library will show space-themed movies, have a design a space patch activity and a display of real moon rocks. DeVries said the exhibit is planned for June 2 through Aug. 29. The museum has put in a request to NASA for loan of a scale model-sized Saturn V, a Mercury Redstone rocket, Space Shuttle and Skylab. DeVries said an astronaut visit is also planned sometime in the summer.

For memories, DeVries said she has put together a special card for residents to fill out and share. Steve Anton of Boynton Beach already filled out one of those cards. "I was a member of Boy Scout troop 236 of the South Florida Council. We had gone to Cape Kennedy and stayed at Patrick Air Force base in some old barracks. We went to the beach to watch the launch. That is when I heard the powerful sound, of the largest engine on the planet and felt the earth move, as Apollo 11 lifted off," Anton said of his memory 40 years ago.

For information on the "Living by the Launch" exhibit or to share memories and memorabilia, call 561 742-6397 by May 1.

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