

# A CENTURY OF FLIGHT

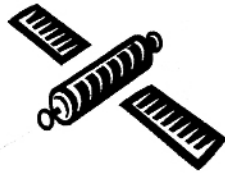
## The Rocket City Connection

Celebrate the centennial of the Wright Brothers' first flight at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library this Fall -- with a uniquely local twist!

"A Century of Flight: The Rocket City Connection" is an in-depth exploration of Huntsville's significant contributions to flight, especially to the U.S. space program. What role did individuals and organizations in Huntsville play in the space effort and our national defense? And how did our community change and grow as a result?

"A Century of Flight: The Rocket City Connection" offers learning opportunities for people of all ages. Our programs include:

- Interactive activities, including Flight Academy and a walk-in future spaceship
- Expert panel discussions
- Outstanding art and artifact exhibits
- Noted speakers
- Films and book discussions
- Star Trek night and a 50's Dance



All indoor events will take place in the Main Library Auditorium, EXCEPT for "Aiming for the Stars: Huntsville's Impact on the U.S. Space Program." This will be held in the Auditorium of the Space & Rocket Center on November 4.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- September 10 **Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Alabama Humanities Foundation video **Thunder in Huntsville.** WEDNESDAY NOON-1 PM
- 24 Panel discussion: **On the Testpad: The Early Days at Redstone and Marshall.** Key Redstone Army and NASA engineers recall their roles in the development of the U.S. space program. WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM
- 30 **Madison County's First in Flight: The Quick Airplane.** A fascinating presentation on Alabama's first airplane by Dr. David Landrum, UAH Dept. of Engineering. He and his students question: how well could the aircraft fly? TUESDAY 7-9 PM
- October 3 **A Salute to Star Trek; Or, Not with my Yeomen You Don't, Captain Kirk.** Star Trek writer Lee Shackleford is guest of honor for this light-hearted celebration of a TV legend. Video, Presentation, Klingon food and more. FRIDAY 6-9 PM
- 5 **A Centennial Perspective on Early Huntsville and Alabama Aviation.** Dr. William F. Trimble, Professor and Chair, History Department, Auburn University will present this wide-ranging program. SUNDAY 2-4 PM
- 6 **Big Dreams, Big Rockets: The History and Future of Space Transportation.** Rocket Team member Dave Christensen and other engineers share their creative visions of rocket propulsion. How will humans travel to other planets, to the stars? MONDAY 7-9 PM
- 6-10 **Flight Academy in the Youth Services Dept.** Off we go into the wild blue yonder @ the library. Exciting activities, crafts, and fun for kids 5+ during Fall Break. Get a full brochure at the Youth Services Desk or call 532-5949. Every day at 2 PM
- 8 **Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Book Discussion of Homer Hickam's *October Sky/Rocket Boys.* WEDNESDAY NOON-1 PM
- 18 **Mars Day.** "Mars in the Human Imagination," Mike Wright, MSFC historian: *Views of Mars by scientists, literature and film.* "Exploring Mars," Bradley Carlson, NASA staff: *Mars exploration - past, present and future.* SATURDAY 10 AM-1 PM
- 21 **NASA's Attic: Artifacts of the Space Age from the Space & Rocket Center's Archives.** Irene Wilhite, archivist for the Space & Rocket Center, will bring a spectacular collection of space memorabilia. TUESDAY 7-9 PM
- X 23 **Wernher von Braun, the Rocket Team and U.S. Space Exploration 1945-1977.** Bob Ward, biographer of von Braun, will lead a diverse presentation on the importance of von Braun's Rocket Team to America's space program and national defense. We plan to have a panel discussion by several Rocket Team members. THURSDAY 7-9 PM
- 29 **Creating the Rocket City: Space Exploration and the Growth of Huntsville during the 1950-1960's.** A diverse group of Huntsville residents will discuss Huntsville's phenomenal development in the 50's and 60's. Why was Huntsville such a unique city? What was it like to live in Huntsville then? WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM
- November 2 **Visions of Space: The Space Art Collection of Fred Ordway.** Mr. Ordway will offer tours of items from his world-renowned collection, as well as recall his time as the science advisor for Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." Special thanks to Irene Wilhite. SUNDAY 2-4 PM
- 4 **Aiming for the Stars: Huntsville's Impact on the U.S. Space Program.** Our expert panel will discuss why Huntsville's rocket program was so important to the space effort and to national security. Where does Huntsville fit in the history of rocketry? HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE SPACE & ROCKET CENTER. TUESDAY 7-9 PM
- 12 **The Wright Brothers and their Flyer.** Bob Jaques, aviation historian, will discuss the design of the Wright Brothers' famous aircraft. Why did this aircraft succeed in flying where so many had failed before? WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM

### SPECIAL FEATURES IN NOVEMBER

- 14 **A Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On: Huntsville in the Heyday of the Space Race.** A tribute to Huntsville in 1958 at the time of the launch of the Explorer satellite, with music, dancing, food and stories from that fascinating time in our city's history. FRIDAY 6-8 PM
- 14-16 **Spaceship 2040.** NASA will display this interactive mock-up of a future spaceship in the Library's parking lot for the weekend.
- 16 **Keynote Address.** Join us for our closing event as astronaut Dr. Owen Garriott shares his experiences and thoughts on the future. SUNDAY 5-7 PM

