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### **Backyard Astronomy with Josh Urban at Madison Heights Library**

Josh Urban will host an educational astronomy program at the Madison Heights Branch Library. This indoor event will cover basic sky-watching techniques and will highlight constellations and things to observe with the unaided eye. Josh will also talk about the upcoming solstice. The program will be held June 12, 2023, from 6:30–7:30 pm at the Madison Heights Public Library (200 River James Shopping Ctr, Madison Heights, VA 24572). A question-and-answer period will follow, and Mr. Urban will have copies of his book on-hand for signing.

Josh Urban is a local author, lecturer, and storyteller enthralled with sharing the night sky. He regularly speaks about astronomy, leads outreach events, and writes on the topic. Josh is the author of *The Captain's Logbook* for backyard astronomers, released in 2022. His work has appeared in *Sky and Telescope Magazine*, *Popular Homeschooling*, and others.

You can find Josh blogging, podcasting, or setting up a telescope on a clear evening in downtown Lynchburg, sharing views of the heavens with locals. "People have the best reactions when they see Saturn for the first time," Josh states. "It's always a treat."

Josh's website is [www.JoshUrban.com](http://www.JoshUrban.com), and his blog is published three times a week.



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