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LIBRARY OFFERS SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES FOR APRIL 8 SOLAR ECLIPSE!

Stratford Public Library is excited to announce that we are giving away free solar eclipse glasses in preparation for the upcoming Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8.

Beginning on Saturday March 23, the library will provide one pair of ISO certified solar eclipse glasses per family on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. A SPL library card must be presented to receive the glasses.

“We are dedicated to delivering educational experiences that encourage scientific literacy and spark curiosity about the natural world,” says Krista Robinson, CEO. “Providing solar eclipse glasses allows us to ensure a safe and enjoyable observation of this extraordinary celestial event.”

The eclipse on Monday, April 8 will be a total eclipse for those on the path of totality. Stratford will experience a partial solar eclipse with 99.1% of the sun being covered. Weather permitting, this awe-inspiring experience should not be missed. The following are important safety guidelines:

- Use approved solar eclipse viewers that meet international standard ISO 12312-2. Glasses distributed by Stratford Public Library meet these standards. Make sure glasses are not damaged or scratched before use. Sunglasses, even those with a very dark tint, are NOT sufficient protection.
- Staring at the sun without protection may cause damage to your retina (the tissue at the back of your eye). This damage can occur without any sensation of pain. The injury can be temporary or permanent.
- Watch an online television livestream of the event from a verified source such as NASA Live. Alternatively, check out a recording of the eclipse after it has happened.

For more details regarding the solar eclipse, visit the library website <https://splibrary.ca/countdown>

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