



Grand Traverse Astronomical Society

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Mary Fraquelli
Branch Manager
Kingsley Branch Library
213 S. Brownson
P. O. Box 427
Kingsley, MI 49649

Dear Mary:

The Grand Traverse Astronomical Society is pleased to present the Kingsley Public Library with an Orion StarBlast telescope, the third telescope the society has given to a library. The telescope is given as-is, however you can call us if the telescope's optics require minor cleaning and readjustment. We'd rather perform these functions rather than the user.

The telescope has several detachable parts that must be returned after the telescope is loaned out:

- The Telescope with mount
- The Tube Cover
- Zoom Eyepiece
- Reflex finder

The only consumable part of the telescope is the CR 2032 battery for the finder. This item costs a couple of dollars a piece if bought in a quantity of 5 or 10. I would suggest that the user be warned to turn the finder, which projects a red dot on the sky, off after use, and that he or she be responsible for replacement. The battery should last a long time if it's turned off after use.

As a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, and member of the Grand Traverse Astronomical Society, I am generally available days and evenings to give talks to kids or adults on topics about space and astronomy. I will also put you on our email list for a complementary issue of the *Stellar Sentinel* our monthly newsletter.

Keep looking up!

Sincerely,

Bob Moler

Newsletter editor, GTAS

