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KHELSEA RANTANEN, NASA SOLAR SYSTEM AMBASSADOR

(PANAMA CITY, FL) –Khelsea Rantanen, Reference Librarian at the Bay County Public Library, has just become an official NASA Solar System Ambassador volunteer. Khelsea’s interest in space exploration was sparked by watching science fiction TV shows with her father. Her introduction to the night sky began at four years old when her grandparents showed her the moon through a telescope. She spent many nights stargazing with her family and continues to watch the night sky for satellites and meteor showers. The Solar System Ambassadors program is a public engagement effort that works with motivated volunteers across the nation to communicate the science and excitement of NASA's space exploration missions and discoveries to the people in their communities.

Khelsea will begin sharing her expertise through Sidewalk Stargazing programs held afterhours at the Bay County Public Library. The first program will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. Sidewalk Stargazing will teach how to locate and name constellations with the naked eye! All ages are welcome. Since the program is outdoors, it is requested that attendees bring a flashlight and dress accordingly. Attendees are to meet in front of the library. If poor weather conditions are predicted, the event will be canceled. The library’s Facebook page will reflect any program changes.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. Please call 522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on this and other programs.

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