

LIBRARY TELESCOPE PROGRAM

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High Point Scientific supplies telescopes for Library Checkout Program

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St. Louis, MO – The Library Telescope Program (LTP), a Missouri-based nonprofit currently applying for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, is thrilled to announce an exclusive agreement with High Point Scientific (HPS), a company headquartered in New Jersey. HPS will be the sole supplier of customized optical astronomy equipment across the continental USA for LTP's popular library telescope checkout program.

As part of the agreement, HPS will create a customized, easy-to-use tabletop telescope specifically designed for libraries to purchase and use in their respective checkout programs. Additionally, HPS will produce and host promotional videos and educational content on their website and support the program with targeted marketing campaigns. The tailored telescope will take several months to design and produce, with the new model expected to be available for purchase on the HPS website starting in March 2025. A limited supply of an interim model will be available for purchase on the HPS website within the next 30 days.

"We are excited that libraries will now have the opportunity to purchase a tabletop telescope with features that have proven more durable and patron-friendly than traditional models," said **Don Ficken, LTP Board President**. "Having a ready-to-deploy telescope will make it significantly easier for libraries to adopt and expand the telescope checkout program."

"Our company is proud to partner with the Library Telescope Program to develop a customized, easy-to-use telescope for library checkout," said **Robert Dugan, President of High Point Scientific**. "This initiative aligns perfectly with our mission, and we're thrilled to be playing a part in making the wonders of the night sky accessible to all."

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About High Point Scientific: Founded with the mission to offer high-quality telescopes and astrophotography equipment at low prices without compromising on customer service, HPS is dedicated

to serving the astronomy community with exceptional products, support and educational resources.
Website: <https://www.highpointscientific.com>

About the Library Telescope Program: The Library Telescope Program fosters scientific literacy, stimulates interest in astronomy, and offers the awe and excitement of exploring the night sky to those who may have never looked through a telescope. Website: <https://www.librarytelescope.org/>.