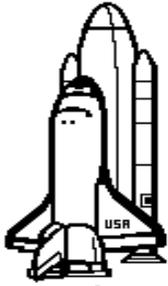


# "Space Science the Special Way" with a little twist from Assistive Technology

(focusing on the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)



**February 12 and 13, 2004**

**8:30 – 4:30**

**Science Museum of Virginia**

**2500 West Broad Street**

**Richmond, VA 23220**

**www.smv.org**

## **This special conference:**

- is aimed at those educators and support staff responsible for the teaching of Virginia's Earth/Space Systems Standards of Learning (SOL) curriculum to students with special needs, specifically the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- will focus on solutions to the challenges educators face accommodating inclusive earth/space science instruction
- will foster a collaborative responsibility among science and special needs educators and other support staff
- will increase awareness of assistive technology solutions
- will provide educators with a stronger base of knowledge to guide students into science, technology, engineering and math fields

## **Speakers include:**

### **Dr. Harry G. Lang**

Deaf Professor in Physics and Mathematics  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

### **Mike Kersjes**

President, Space is Special  
Enhancing math and science skills using space education and getting special needs students to Space Camp

### **Lucia Hasty**

Tactile Graphics Committee Chairperson  
Braille Authority of North America

### **Dr. David Hurd**

Planetarium Director/Professor of Space Science  
and the Tactile Graphics Lab  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

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