

Astronomical Binoculars Policy

As part of its mission to provide for the educational, informational, and recreational needs of our community, the Upper St Clair Township Library provides a pair of Orion 20x80 astronomical binoculars for patrons to check out. Astronomical binoculars are a valuable tool for learning about science, observing objects like the Moon and the planets, and connecting humans to an understanding of our place in the cosmos. The binoculars kit is funded by the generosity of John and Karen Sechrist.

The binoculars are available to all library patrons aged 18+ with library cards in good standing. Patrons may request the binoculars at the Circulation Desk.

The binoculars kit circulates for seven days at a time and cannot be renewed. The kit may be placed on hold, but can only be checked out at the Upper St Clair Township Library. The kit must be returned to the Circulation Desk during library hours. If it is returned late, there is a late fee of \$1 per day.

The kit includes the following:

- 1 pair of Orion 20x80 astronomical binoculars
- 1 parallelogram mount
- 1 tripod
- 1 night sky star chart
- 1 compass
- 1 red LED headlamp
- 1 binoculars policy and waiver
- 2 user's manuals: binoculars and mount

If the binoculars are damaged, the patron who checked them out will be responsible for their replacement cost:

- Binoculars: \$130
- Mount: \$150
- Tripod: \$150
- Star chart: \$10
- Compass: \$5
- Headlamp: \$10