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Interactive Halloween Tales Featured at Vanderbilt's 'Our Night Out: Story Time under the Stars'

Kids Wear Costumes and Join in the Fun, Making Noises and Sound Effects

Sunday, October 23

CENTERPORT, NY (October 7, 2011) – One of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum's perennially popular programs is a multi-generational program called "Our Night Out: Story Time under the Stars." The program, held in the Vanderbilt Planetarium, often draws parents, children and their grandparents. Stories are read as huge pictures are projected on the dome under star-filled skies. The next program is Sunday, October 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(The planetarium is reopening its doors for this event, in response to public demand for this very popular family program, while the Vanderbilt awaits delivery of its new Konica Minolta star projector. Planetarium renovations are scheduled for completion in spring 2012.)

In this year's special, interactive Halloween program, children receive glow-in-the-dark necklaces and noisemakers (slide whistles, clackers and kazoos). On special cues, children use these props to create sounds— for example, wind or the thumping of ghosts – to help the storyteller tell the tale. While enjoying classic stories, children also learn about the celestial objects they might see in the nighttime sky.

Children are invited to wear their costumes. At the end of the show, there will be a small parade in which the children dance to the music of the classic song "Monster Mash."

Admission is \$7 per person. (No member discounts.) Reservations are strongly suggested, as this program often sells out quickly. Please call 631-