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## **CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY HOSTS EARTH AS ART 4 EXHIBIT AT MAIN LIBRARY**

*This exhibit provides out-of-this-world views of planet Earth*

**Charlotte, NC – June 26, 2019** – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is pleased to announce it's hosting the *Earth as Art 4: A Fusion of Science and Art* exhibit, featuring colorized, infrared Landsat satellite images of Earth from creative vantage points. The 38-image collection opened on Saturday, June 15, 2019 and will be displayed on the first and second floors of Main Library through August 31, 2019. The stunning images of the Earth's surface are on loan to the Library on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

Selected for aesthetic appeal, the satellite images, which have been manipulated to enhance color variations or details, offer a unique perspective of the intermixing of art and science. The exhibit, which began in 2002, has moved from local venues to the USGS headquarters in Reston, Va., Capitol Hill, the Library of Congress and numerous other museums and universities across the globe, and is meant for the enjoyment of viewers only – not for scientific interpretation. More information about Earth as Art 4 can be found at <https://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov/earth-as-art-4-a-fusion-of-science-and-art/>.

The exhibit also provides a natural tie-in to the Library's Summer Break learning program that runs from June 1, 2019 through August 10, 2019 and combines the traditional recommended 20 minutes of reading per day with a variety of other learning activities to keep children, families and all ages mentally and physically engaged throughout the summer months and downtime from school. Summer Break encourages participants to Read, Learn, Explore – with this summer's focus on STEAM. For more information about Summer Break, visit <https://summerbreak.cmlibrary.org>.

"This exhibit came about through an unexpected combination of the scientific search for geographic changes on earth, some people in an office who happened to recognize something extraordinary, the artistic application of enhancing colors and the desire to freely share knowledge about our world," said Mimi Curlee, Librarian at Main Library. "It is truly amazing!"

Since the 1970s, NASA and the USGS have employed a series of Landsat satellites to take images of Earth from space. In addition to creating magnificent art, the recorded images provide scientific insight and the ability to monitor land-based changes and observe the impact natural events and a thriving human population have on the world.

For more information on programs from Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, visit <https://www.cmlibrary.org/calendar> for a calendar of events.

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### **About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:**

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community

of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit [cmlibrary.org](http://cmlibrary.org).

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