

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PLANETARIUM ARTICLES, MUSIC, AND POETRY BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

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Over 700 astronomical poems...
Over 2000 articles written about planetariums...
Over 1500 songs and musical selections...

The above should of interest to all planetarians, and the Great Lakes Planetarium Association (GLPA) did something about it. The problem is that at least once a year someone contacts me after they have searched for months for a resource that could have been found in just a few minutes using one of the four books GLPA published about the above. So, if you are doing research into any aspect of planetariums (including dissertations), wondering if there is a song explaining (or at least mentioning) a certain concept, or looking for astronomical poems, then you will want to read what is below.

GLPA has published a bibliography (GLPA TIPS Booklet # 15) of all (except articles published in *The Planetarian* – John Mosley already has an index for that) periodical articles, Eric documents, books, dissertations, theses, US regional newsletters, etc. (Over 2000 entries total) published between 1912 and 1991 (in English). Most (but not all) of the articles written after 1991 have appeared in *The Planetarian*.

It is available two ways: 144 printed pages (alphabetical by author) – \$19.00 or as a PDF – free. It also does not include the GLPA Proceedings (transcripts of every talk delivered at GLPA Conferences) as GLPA publishes a separate index for these nor does it include the MAPS or IPS Proceedings. Did you know the earliest entry about producing planetarium programs for a deaf audience was in 1952? Or that portable planetarium articles surfaced in 1947? This publication was edited by Katherine Becker and Gary Tomlinson (with a lot of help from a lot of other people).

GLPA has two other books of interest (actually they have many more – like *The Planetarian* and the *Americans with Disabilities Act* – check out the GLPA home page at:

www.glpaweb.org

for a list of all GLPA publications). These two books (GLPA TIPS Booklets # 12 & 13b—182 pages total) contain over 700 previously published astronomical poems and references to 40 other sources containing significant astronomical poetry. Both are available for a total of \$25.00 (some songs are even included). Did you know there is a whole book on lunar poetry?

In addition, GLPA has published a book and CD (GLPA TIPS Booklet # 20—77 pages) listing over 1500 songs either about astronomy, containing astronomical references in the lyrics or useful in the planetarium. Most of the entries have comments to aid in determining the usefulness of the song. Since the database is on CD, it is searchable and you can add you favorite songs that were missed giving the user the most complete list of astronomical songs available. Did you know that there are songs that explain almost any astronomical concept you can think of? The Chaffee Planetarium actually produced a program using 10 songs to explain everything a person can see in the sky with the naked eye (except planets—that was covered another show). Cost: \$11.00 or free as a PDF e-mail attachment.

The only requirement is that to purchase these books, you have to be a GLPA member (another \$20.00). The reason is that money from the GLPA membership funded all of these books and CD. Besides you get a lot of other benefits with you membership. To find out how to join (after you join, we tell you how to get GLPA publications or access to hundreds of GLPA slides, scripts or a dozen other books available only to members), visit the GLPA home page listed above and contact our membership chair.

Membership is open to anyone no matter where you live and we would love to share these wonderful resources.

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