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### Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission

“I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth.” Those are the words of Pres. John F. Kennedy, 1961.

The Apollo 11 Mission took these words and made them real.

From Feb. 11, through March 11 the Children’s Library presented a special exhibition to bring that mission to space enthusiasts in Gallup.

*Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* was a poster exhibit of this extraordinary 953,054-mile voyage to the moon and back which met Pres. John F. Kennedy’s 1961 challenge of “landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth.” on July 24, 1969.

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The traveling exhibit underwritten by the Smithsonian and the National Air and Space Museum, ran from Feb. 11 to March 11.

Tammi Moe, director of Octavia Fellin Public Library, said the Smithsonian traveling exhibit is unique in that it brings a little bit of the Smithsonian to Gallup.

"These exhibits were created at the Smithsonian," she said. "It was really successful and [they] made the content rich."

Youth Services Librarian Ann Price, said the event was part of a Smithsonian promotional program.

"It has a lot of interesting amount of information on it and it helps promote the library on books pertaining to the space race as well as the Apollo Mission," said Price. "It's been helpful putting those books into the hands of kids."

***For more information about visiting exhibits contact the library at (505) 726-6120 or email [childlib@gallupnm.gov](mailto:childlib@gallupnm.gov)***

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