

## **Cassini Education and Public Outreach: Lessons Learned – It Takes A Village to Reach the World**

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Cassini's Education and Public Outreach program has undergone a couple of program replans and evaluations since 2001. But the strongest lesson learned was the value of reaching out to, and working with national experts in language arts, the planetarium, astronomy and museum community, and the World Wide Web as it developed and began implementing its Education and Public Outreach plans.

Along the way, we learned the value of partners, of grabbing some opportunities as they emerged and letting a few ideas go. We also learned the value of talking to our customers, educators and the public.

Building opportunities for meaningful student and public participation in the science and engineering of the Cassini Mission has been both a challenge and a privilege. In this talk, Alice Wessen, Manager for Cassini Education and Public Outreach will share a few lessons learned from our mistakes and our successes.