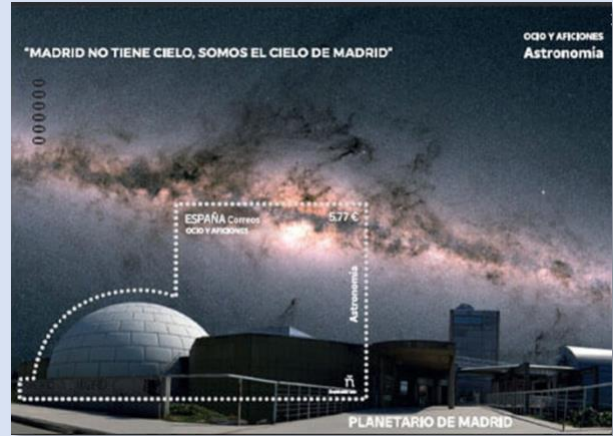


## Celebrating 100 Years of Planetariums

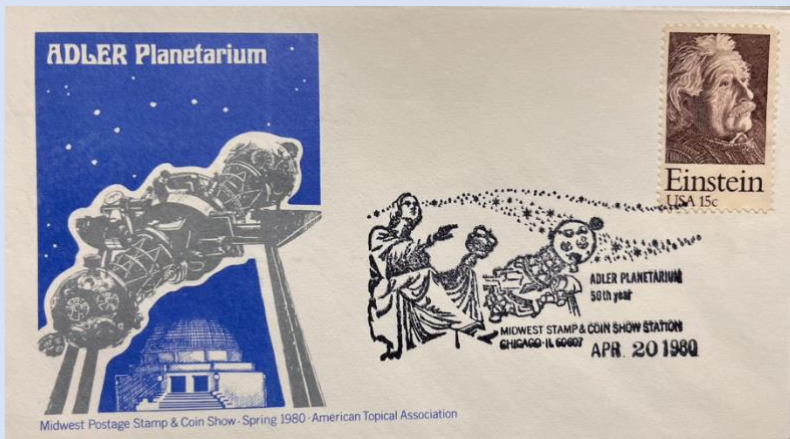
People have always been fascinated by the night sky. Today, with pollution, bright lights and populations further from the dark skies, planetariums offer a gateway to space without going outside. Planetariums are a cool audio-visual experience that inspires, educates, and informs us of the night sky that we often cannot see. The very first planetarium projector was demonstrated in Jena, Germany in October 1923 and the first planetarium was opened to the public on 7 May 1925, when the Deutsches Museum opened in Munich.



In 2023, planetariums around the world celebrated the Centennial of the Planetarium. Germany recently issued the above stamp for the Centennial. Spain issued a mnisheet celebrating the Madrid Planetarium.



The first planetariums used a projector system developed by German engineer Carl Zeiss. The Zeiss company is the world's standard for planetarium equipment. There are other entities developing sophisticated projection systems today. The DDR stamp at left celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Zeiss Optical Works in Jena (1846).



Planetariums can be found in large museums and in much smaller, local venues all over the world. There are even inflatable planetariums! Find one near you and enjoy the show!