

## Exploring the Solar System

Space!... the final frontier ... is a popular topic in many grades.

Most public and school libraries have a number of places on their shelves where information about the solar system and related topics can be found.

Hopefully, this quick list will help you find some of these treasures in your library!

### *Astronomy*

The first place to look is under the Dewey numbers **520** to **529**, where you'll find information about many astronomy topics, from planets, stars, and comets, to clocks, calendars, and the seasons.



### *Planets, Stars and Space*

Go to the **523s** for information about the planets (**523.4**), the moon (**523.3**), the sun (**523.7**) and other heavenly bodies.

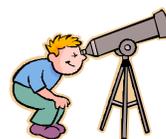
In **525** you'll find books on how our planet is affected by its place in the solar system, including what makes day and night, and why the seasons change.

### *Experiments and Projects*

For experiments and projects involving astronomy, go to **520** and **520.78**. Experiments that are based on life and travel in space can be found in **629.4** and **629.45**.

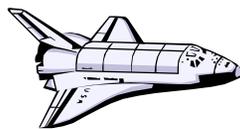
Books about telescopes can be located in the general astronomy books in the **520s**, as well as **522**.

To find more at your library, check the library catalog under headings like "astronomy projects" or the keywords "astronomy experiments."



### *Space Travel and Exploration*

The technology of space travel is explored in **629.4**. Books about the moon landing, the space shuttle, and other manned space flights are located in **629.45**.

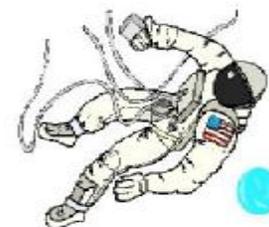


### *Astronomers and Astronauts*

Looking for information about Copernicus and other astronomers? Try **520.92**, or check the Biography section under the person's last name.

Information about astronauts and other people associated with space exploration are located either in **629.45**, or in the Biography section under the astronaut's last name.

The best place to start is to check the catalog using a **subject search** for the name of the person you are investigating.



### *Myths and Legends*

People from various cultures and traditions have created stories to explain the origin of the universe and its heavenly bodies. Check the mythology books, **292**, or folklore books in **398.2**. For specific locations, check the catalog using the keywords "folklore" or "mythology."

*Having trouble deciding on a topic?*

*Need help finding some sources  
to help you?*

*Can't find information on a topic  
you have chosen?*

*Who are you going to call?  
**Your Librarian!***

And don't forget Internet sources. Your librarian will be able to help you find some reliable websites to help you decide on your topic or give you more information on a topic you have already selected. Articles in periodicals are another source of great information that your librarian can help you access.

And your librarian is only a phone call or e-mail away!



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