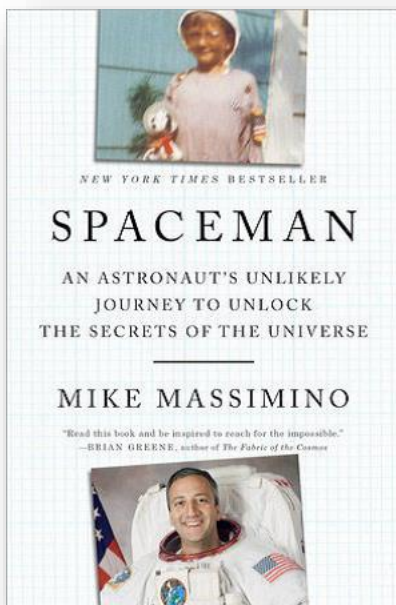




## Long Island Reads One Island — One Book

**Long Island Reads** is an island-wide reading initiative sponsored by the Nassau Library System and the Public Libraries of Suffolk County. Each year, a committee of librarians chooses a book that was written by a Long Island author and/or set on Long Island. Book lovers in Nassau and Suffolk come together to read the book, participate in discussions, and enjoy related events in their public libraries.

### 2018 Selection



*Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*, is the spellbinding true story of the Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Despite daunting challenges and numerous setbacks, Mike never gave up his dream of becoming an astronaut. His book brings the reader into a rare, wonderful world where nerdy science meets thrilling adventure, and pulls back a curtain on just what it really means to have “the right stuff.”

## EVENTS AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

These programs are open to all, but some require registration. Please contact the individual library with any questions.

### **Bethpage Public Library**

**47 Powell Avenue**

**Bethpage, NY 11714**

**516 931-3907**

Thursday, May 10, 2:00p.m.: Mike and the Hubble - A Dramatic Reading: Actors David Houston and Diana Heinlein will perform a one-hour dramatic reading (with background music and effects) from the pages of "Spaceman" by Mike Massimino, the Long Island Reads selection for 2018.

### **Bellmore Memorial Library**

**2288 Bedford Avenue**

**Bellmore, NY 11710**

**(516) 785-2990**

Thursday, March 8, 7:00pm: "Between the Lines" group discusses *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino; the 2018 Long Island Reads selection.

Friday, April 6, 12:30 p.m.: "Books Sandwiched In" group discusses *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino; the 2018 Long Island Reads selection.

### **Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center**

**95 Harbor Road**

**Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724**

**(631) 692-6820**

Tuesday, April 3, 3:00p.m.: Digitalis Digitarium, Portable Planetarium: Adult Program: Step into the Cradle of Aviation's portable planetarium and discover the majesty of the stars and our universe through digital technology. Limited to 30 participants. Advance registration requested.

### **Comsewogue Public Library**

**170 Terryville Rd.**

**Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776**

**(631) 928-1212**

Monday, April 23, 7:00p.m.: Radio Show: Mike and the Hubble - Join actors Diana Heinlein and David Houston for selections from Spaceman presented as a radio newscast drama. Open to all Suffolk County residents. Guests welcome.

Thursday, April 26, 7:00p.m.: Book Discussion of Spaceman by Mike Massimino at the Library. Open to all Suffolk County residents. Guests welcome.

Monday, April 30, 7:00p.m.: Missions to Mars: Journey to Mars with retired space engineer David Paris, who will discuss past, present and future missions. This program is open to all Suffolk County residents. Guests welcome.

### **East Islip Public Library**

**381 E. Main Street**

**East Islip, NY 11730**

**(631) 581-9200**

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.: Book Discussion of *Spaceman: an Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino. Please register as of March 1, 2018.

**Elmont Memorial Library**  
**700 Hempstead Turnpike**  
**Elmont, NY 11003**  
**516-354-5280**

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00p.m.: Evening Book Club: Join us to talk about the inspirational life of Mike Massimino and share your reading experience with others.

Monday, April 23, 2:00p.m.: Daytime Book Club: Join us to talk about the inspirational life of Mike Massimino and share your reading experience with others.

**Farmingdale Public Library**  
**116 Merritts Road**  
**Farmingdale, NY 11735**  
**(516) 249-9090**

Monday, April 23, 7:00p.m.: Spaceman Book Discussion: Join us for a book discussion about *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino. You can pick up a copy at the Reference Desk beginning April 9.

**Floral Park Public Library**  
**17 Caroline Place**  
**Floral Park, NY 11001**  
**(516)352-7815**

Monday, April 2, 10:15a.m.: The Friends Book Club discuss and share ideas on important highlights of book. No registration required.

**Freeport Memorial Library**  
**144 W. Merrick Road**  
**Freeport, NY 11520**  
**(516) 379-3274**

Thursday, April 12, 7p.m.: 100 Towns 100 Talks: A Message of Living Your Dreams.: Whether it's climbing the Seven Summits, swimming with great whites, or becoming an airline captain, Tom Fabbri understands firsthand the heights you can obtain once you give yourself permission to dream. Tom will share his message of Living Your Dreams by overcoming fears and embracing obstacles. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Friday, April 13, 6:30p.m.: When kids call the shots: How to Seize Control from Your Darling Bully and Enjoy Being a Parent Again: Meet Sean Grover, a psychotherapist with 20 years of experience working with adults and children and a designer of award-winning youth programs that has been quoted in Newsweek, New York Magazine, NPR about parent-child relationships. This event is FREE and open to the public.

**Glen Cove Public Library**  
**4 Glen Cove Avenue**  
**Glen Cove, NY 11542**  
**(516) 676-2130**

Tuesday, April 10, 2:00p.m.: Book Discussion: Librarian Michael Fitzpatrick leads a discussion of Spaceman. Copies are available at the Reference desk.

Thursday, April 12, 7:00p.m.: Astronomy for All: Astronomy educator Larry Gerstman offers some great space photos and will teach you about exciting sky events that will occur within the next few years.

**The Hampton Library in Bridgehampton**

**2478 Main Street**

**Bridgehampton, NY 11932**

**(631) 537-0015**

Saturday, April 14, 11:00a.m.: "Long Island Reads Book Discussion: 'Spaceman' by Mike Massimino." The true story of a Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Massimino's book brings readers into a world where science meets thrilling adventure, and pulls back a curtain on what it really means to have "the right stuff." Even if you haven't read the book, you're still welcome to sit in on the discussion! Open to all. Snacks and refreshments served.

**Hauppauge Public Library**

**601 Veterans Memorial Highway**

**Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**(631) 979-1600**

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00p.m.: Space Exploration: Join astronomy teacher Larry Gerstman for an entertaining overview of space exploration. Enjoy a telescopic viewing of the sky after the talk, weather permitting. Registration required.

Thursday, April 5, 7:00p.m.: Long Island Reads Book Discussion: Spaceman by Mike Massimino. Read *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*, the spellbinding true story of the Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Then join us for a discussion of this book with Helen. Registration required.

**Island Trees Public Library**

**38 Farmedge Road**

**Levittown, NY 11756**

**(516)731-2211**

Tuesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.: Book Chat led by Carol Ann Tack.

**Jericho Public Library**

**1 Merry Lane**

**Jericho, NY 11753**

**(516) 935-6790**

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00p.m.: Book Discussion - Fran Cohen will moderate a discussion on *Spaceman*. Listeners are welcome!

Wednesday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.: Mike and the Hubbel - Actors Diana Heinlein and David Houston will perform a reading from the book *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*,.

**Levittown Public Library**

**1 Bluegrass Lane,**

**Levittown, N.Y. 11756**

**516-731-5728**

Monday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m.: Book Discussion: *Spaceman: an Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*, is the spellbinding true story of a Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. No registration required. No fee.

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.: Book Discussion: *Spaceman: an Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*, is the spellbinding true story of a Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Registration required. No fee.

Monday, April 23 at 7:00p.m.: Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe. Astronomer Kevin Manning, a former consultant with NASA, will share his excitement about astronomy in a multimedia journey through the cosmos. Following the presentation, a telescope will be set up outside for viewing objects in the night sky, weather permitting. Limited registration required for ages 18+ and ages 13-17 with an adult. No fee.

Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30p.m.: Star Trek: Beam Me Up! Clive Young will trace the fascinating history of Star Trek and its continuing impact on pop culture around the world. This multimedia program is aimed at both beginner and longtime fans. Following the program each patron can enjoy a brief experience of the virtual reality game "ADR1FT", a survival/adventure game featuring views of the Earth below as you float through a damaged space station performing tasks to survive. Limited registration required for ages 18+ and ages 13-17 with an adult. No fee.

Monday, April 30 at 7:00p.m.: Astrology: Natal/Birth Chart Reading. Betty Steele, a professional Astrologer for over 20 years in Nassau County, will explain how the alignment of the planets, the astrological houses, and a person's astrological sign during their time of birth can give insight into a person's character and unconscious patterns. Patrons that register by 4/26/18 and give their date of birth, (and if known: their time of birth and the place they were born), will receive a free natal/birth chart the night of the program. Limited registration required for ages 18+ and ages 13-17 with an adult. No fee.

**Merrick Library**

**2279 Merrick Avenue**

**Merrick, NY 11566**

**(516) 377-6112**

Wednesday, March 7th, 2:30p.m.: Book Discussion - All are welcome at the Merrick Library Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion!

**North Babylon Public Library**

**815 Deer Park Ave**

**North Babylon, NY 11703**

**(631) 669-4020**

Thursday, April 12, 7:00p.m.: Evening Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 24, 10:00a.m.: Morning Book Discussion

**North Shore Reads****The Metropolitan Caterers****3 Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove, NY 11542****516-759-8300**

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00p.m.: North Shore Reads at The Metropolitan: Join us for North Shore Reads, an additional celebration of Long Island Reads, which brings the patrons of several neighboring libraries together. John Canning will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Discuss *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe*, by Mike Massimino and have the opportunity to meet members of area book clubs, enjoy refreshments and celebrate community through reading. Please call the Glen Cove Library if you have any questions (516-676-2130). Check <http://www.northshorereads.org/> for details.

**Northport-East Northport Public Library****151 Laurel Avenue****Northport, NY 11768****(631) 261-6930**

Monday, April 2, 7:00p.m.: OSIRIS-REx Mission: Timothy Glotch, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Geosciences at Stony Brook University, will discuss NASA's first asteroid sample return mission. Prof. Glotch recently joined the OSIRIS-REx Mission that will visit a near-Earth asteroid next year, collect a sample from the surface, and return it to Earth. No registration required.

Monday, April 9, 2:00p.m.: Film screening of *The Martian*: Join us for the movie *The Martian* based on the novel by Andy Weir. After a bad storm blows across Mars, astronaut Mark Watney (Matt Damon) is presumed dead and left behind. Now stuck on a hostile planet, he must find a way to signal to Earth and, in the meantime, survive on limited supplies. Rated PG-13. 141 min. No registration required.

**Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library****89 E. Main St.****Oyster Bay, NY 11771****(516) 922-1212**

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30p.m.: August 2017's Solar Eclipse Photos & Great Future Sky Spectacles: See the amazing photos from the last total solar eclipse this past August and learn when we will be able to see future eclipses. Other upcoming scientific events will be discussed, such as the North Magnetic Pole passing close by the North Geographic Pole and NASA Discovery's upcoming May launch of the InSight Mission to Mars. After the talk, observe the moon and glorious sky using powerful binoculars and a telescope. Presented by Larry Gerstman. Please register at the Reference Desk or call 516-922-1212

**Patchogue-Medford Library****54-60 East Main Street****Patchogue, NY 11772****(631) 654-4700**

Thursday, April 5, 2:00p.m.: Space Camp: For grades 6-12. Come enjoy space related activities and even make your own alien to take home!

Thursday, April 5, 7:00p.m.: Book group: Discuss this Long Islander's unlikely journey into space. Pick up your FREE copy at the main desk.

Friday, April 6, 2:30p.m.: Destination Space: For grades K-6. Travel into outer space with out of this world games and crafts!

Thursday, April 12, 4:30p.m.: Learning Lab - Locked Box Challenge: For grades 4-8. Go on a mission to space to see if you can crack the code!

Thursday, April 12 at 7:00p.m.: Missions to Mars: From the very beginning of the space age, there have been plans to explore the red planet, search for life there and then send people to Mars. Learn about past, present and future missions including the orbiters and rovers that are now returning detailed information with retired aerospace engineer David Paris. Paris is chairman of the Long Island Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a member of the Personal Enrichment in Retirement (PEIR) Program Council at Hofstra University. Call 654-4700 to register beginning April 1st.

**Port Washington Public Library****One Library Drive****Port Washington, NY 11050****(516) 883-4400**

Friday, April 13, 12:15p.m.: Sandwiched In: "Mike and the Hubble" - Dramatic reading with David Houston and Diana Heinlein.

**Sachem Public Library****150 Holbrook Road****Holbrook, NY 11741****(631) 588-5024**

Monday, April 2, 7:00p.m.: Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe: Astronomer Kevin Manning explores the universe from the very small to the very large in this family-friendly presentation, a virtual journey throughout the cosmos. Following an indoor discussion, you will go outdoors to view celestial objects in the night sky (weather permitting) through a powerful hand-crafted telescope. Registration requested.

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.: Evening Book Discussion: Discuss *Spaceman* by Mike Massimino.

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.: How to Select and Use a Telescope: Learn all you ever wanted to know about telescopes and receive practical information that will help you get set up and observing. After the lecture, there will be an opportunity for you to receive hands-on help from the instructor, Jeff Norwood, a veteran amateur astronomer, telescope mechanic, and owner of Camera Concepts & Telescope Solutions in Stony Brook. Weather permitting, there will be time for observing after the presentation. Bring your telescope, if you already have one. Registration requested.

Thursday, April 26, 12:00 p.m.: Afternoon Book Discussion: Discuss *Spaceman* by Mike Massimino.

**Seaford Public Library**  
**2234 Jackson Avenue**  
**Seaford, NY 11783**  
**(516) 221-1334**

Wednesday, April 11, 3:00p.m.: "Book Discussion:" Join librarian Eric Wasserman for a lively discussion of this year's Long Island Reads book *Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino. "Spaceman" is the spellbinding true story of the Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Registration begins Wednesday, March 14 for Seaford residents only. A week later, Wednesday, March 21 registration is open to all residents. Copies of the book will be available when you register.

**Syosset Public Library**  
**225 South Oyster Bay Road**  
**Syosset, NY 11791**  
**(516) 921-7161**

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30p.m.: Evening Book Discussion: Book Discussion of *Spaceman* by Mike Massimino led by Ralph Guiteau, Readers' Services Librarian. Books will be available at the library's Circulation Desk one month before the program. Free. No registration required.

**Uniondale Public Library**  
**400 Uniondale Ave.,**  
**Uniondale NY 11553**  
**(516) 489-2220**

Thursday, April 12, 7:00p.m.: Book Discussion: Lively discussion of LI Reads pick "Spaceman" by Mark Massimino.

Wednesday, April 25, 7-8:30p.m.: Searching for Life in Space: This presentation will cover the definition of life, the strange forms it takes on this planet, missions that search for the building blocks of life on planets and moons in our solar system, and the search for planets that could harbor life in our Milky Way Galaxy. Registration is required.

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 2:30p.m.: Galaxy Cookies: Design a unique galaxy experience. These cookies are decorated with black, blue, purple and white sugar glaze to create a space-like effect. Limit to 24 patrons, 4 cookies each.

**West Babylon Public Library**  
**211 Route 109**  
**West Babylon, NY 11704**  
**(631) 669-5445**

Thursday, April 26, 2:30p.m.: "Mike and the Hubble:" A performance reading in the style of radio drama for Long Island Reads 2018. Join us as actors David Houston and Diana Heinlein read excerpts from *Spaceman* by Mike Massimino, and from NASA sources.

**West Hempstead Public Library**  
**500 Hempstead Ave**  
**West Hempstead, NY 11552**  
**(516) 481-6591**

Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Book Discussion on "Spaceman" by Mike Massimino.