

BOOKS

Mission Control, This is Apollo, by Andrew Chaikin and Alan Bean. New York: Viking Juvenile, 2009. Ages 8-13. Description of all Apollo missions from the astronauts' point of view. Drawings are by Astronaut Alan Bean.

Beyond: A Solar System Voyage, by Michael Benson. New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2009. Ages 8-14. Beautiful photographs; simple, informative text.

Space Encyclopedia: A Tour of Our Solar System and Beyond (National Geographic Kids), by David A. Aguilar. Washington, DC: National Geographic Children's Books, 2013. Ages 10 and up.

Nightwatch: A Practical Guide to Viewing the Universe, by Terrence Dickenson, Adolf Schaller, and Timothy Ferris. Ontario: Firefly Books, 2014. Considered the best general interest introduction to astronomy; also the top-selling stargazing guide. Updated through 2025.

WEBSITES

Astronomical Society of the Pacific: Inspiring people to look up and wonder for 125 years, the ASP's mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of astronomy and to advance science and science literacy. www.astrosociety.org

NASA Solar System: National Aeronautics and Space Administration's best and most up-to date sites for all things Solar System, including information about moons, planets, and space missions. solarsystem.nasa.gov

NASA for Kids: An interactive site including a homework helper, games, planets and DIY projects. solarsystem.nasa.gov/kids

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL): Teachers will appreciate this site for its space science lessons. learn.jpl.nasa.gov

NASA Planetary Photojournal: New images released from spacecraft missions. photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov

Cassini Mission to Saturn: JPL's main site for Cassini spacecraft, the most recent pictures of Saturn and its moons. saturn.jpl.nasa.gov

The Visible Earth: NASA collection of amazing images of our home planet. visibleearth.nasa.gov

Kennedy Space Center: Explore Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in a completely new way with a virtual tour. www.kennedyspacecenter.com

Hubble Heritage: The best locations for HST images and beautiful pictures in the gallery. heritage.stsci.edu

The Scale of the Universe: A great place to explore scale of the universe, from the universe to the atom and smaller. scaleofuniverse.com

Zooniverse: Participate in Citizen Science: crowd-sourcing for MANY space-related research projects. Discover new planets, map the moon and Mars; study the sun or black holes. www.zooniverse.org

Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI): PARI offers a variety of programs for students of all ages, including the StarLab Planetarium and the Space Science Lab. www.pari.edu/programs/students

Sky Charts: Free printable evening sky maps available for northern and southern hemispheres. skymaps.com