

Frequently on the lunar surface I said to myself, 'This is the Moon, that is the Earth. I'm really here, I'm really here!'

Captain Alan Bean – Apollo 12 Astronaut and Painter, Former ATS Grandparent

LOOK UP!

Discover our radiant and magical neighbor that lights our night sky, the moon. In the summer of 1969, history was made as Apollo 11 was the American spaceflight that first landed humans on the moon. The Command Module *Columbia* travelled 238,900 miles from Earth and on July 20, 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong and Lunar Module pilot Buzz Aldrin landed the Apollo Lunar Module Eagle on the moon's surface at 8:17 PM. On July 21, Armstrong became the first person to step onto the moon's surface!

It has been almost 50 years since astronauts last walked on the lunar surface during the Apollo program. Pushing the boundaries of space exploration, science, and technology once again, America is on the verge of exploring more of the moon than ever before. Through the **Artemis program**, we will see the first woman and first person of color to walk on the surface of the moon. Ultimately, Artemis will light our way to Mars! Will you go along?

BLAST OFF!

And so summer is upon us with lightyears of time to read and learn! Put your seatbelt on, lean back, trust mission control, and **Blast Off! Read at least 50 books. This is not optional.** For chapter books, 25 pages equals one book! If you are a student entering kindergarten, you may have books read to you. Start with number 1 and record your book title on the back of this challenge. When you have filled the moon with all 50 books, there is a bit to explore – 10 good deeds to show good character!



THE UNIVERSE... AND A WORLD OF BOOKS ARE WAITING! GO READ, VISIT, AND EXPLORE!

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum – Temporarily closed (darn) until Fall 2022. Visit <https://airandspace.si.edu/visit> to take a sneak peak and watch **Stories of Transformation** including one on the Apollo 11 command module *Columbia*.

Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Virginia - Open every day. Discover thousands of aviation and space artifacts including the space shuttle *Discovery*. <https://airandspace.si.edu/udvar-hazy-center>

The Artemis Project - <https://www.nasa.gov/artemisprogram>