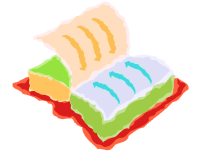


The Launch Your Future with Reading! Contests



At the end of this summer, Canadian Space Agency astronaut Steve MacLean will fly into space on **Mission STS-115** and become the first Canadian astronaut to operate the Canadarm2 and the second Canadian to walk in space! Steve loves reading and attributes his passion for space to the books he read when he was he was young. According to Steve, you really can “launch your future with reading!”



You too can be a part of this exciting space mission by participating in **The Launch Your Future with Reading!** contests presented by the Canadian Library Association (CLA) and the Canadian Space Agency. Hurry! You have until September 30, 2006 to submit!

Question and Answer Contest

Ask Steve a question about space! The best five questions will be picked for Steve to answer. Each winner will receive a **Launch Your Future with Reading!** t-shirt, an official Steve MacLean mission kit, and a \$25 gift card to a local bookstore. Each winner will also have his or her name and question posted on the Canadian Library Association and Canadian Space Agency websites.

Essay Contest

While visiting your local library one day, you stumble upon a book on space travel. Upon turning the first pages, you discover that the book has magical powers that literally transport you to outer space! You look around, and you are suddenly wearing a spacesuit and you are part of the crew orbiting the Earth with Steve MacLean! What happens next? Only you can tell us by writing a 250- to 600-word essay. The most creative and well-written pieces will be chosen as the winners for each of the following age categories in both official languages: 9 to 11 years; 12 to 14 years. Each winner will receive a **Launch Your Future with Reading!** t-shirt, an official Steve MacLean mission kit, and a \$100 gift card to a local bookstore. Each winner will also have his or her name and essay posted on the Canadian Library Association and Canadian Space Agency websites.

Submit all questions and essays by September 30, 2006 (extended deadline) to info@cla.ca with “Space Contest” in subject line. Each participant should include full contact information and indicate what age he or she will be on September 1, 2006.

For contest details, please visit the CLA website at www.cla.ca.
Learn more about astronaut Steve MacLean and Mission STS-115 at www.space.gc.ca.