

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Science and Social Studies

UNIT 4: EXPLORING MARS

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Mission to Pluto: The First Visit to an Ice Dwarf and the Kuiper Belt* by Mary Kay Carson (940L)
- *Mysterious Universe: Supernovae, Dark Energy, and Black Holes* by Ellen Jackson and Nic Bishop (NL)
- *Impact!: Asteroids and the Science of Saving the World* by Elizabeth Rusch and Karin Anderson (1070L)
- *Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly (1120L)**
- *The Amazing Story of Space Travel* by Agnieszka Biskup (GN800L)
- *The 10 Greatest Breakthroughs in Space Exploration* by Julie Clark (IG960L)
- *Curiosity's Mission on Mars: Exploring the Red Planet* by Ron Miller (1140L)**
- *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover* by Markus Motum (970L)

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