## NASA Astronaut Stephen G. Bowen to speak in New Bedford

NASA Astronaut Stephen G. Bowen will speak at 'A Universe of Stories' at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, on Saturday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m. to kick off the New Bedford Free Public Library's summer reading program. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. The event is free, open to the public of all ages, and is provided with funding from the Enable Hope Foundation and New Bedford Free Public Library.

Stephen G. Bowen will speak about his time aboard the International Space Station. Bowen (Captain, U.S. Navy) was the first submarine officer to be selected as an astronaut by NASA Bowen is a veteran of STS-126, STS-132, and STS-133. The STS-126 mission was the 27th International Space Station assembly mission. The crew delivered equipment and supplies as well as expanded the living quarters to house six-member crews aboard ISS. STS-132 delivered an integrated cargo carrier and a Russian mini-research module. STS-133 delivered the permanent multipurpose module and the fourth express logistics carrier to the station.

Bowen has logged more than 40 days in space, including 47 hours and 18 minutes in seven space walks. He was also the first American to fly on back-to-back space missions.

