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## **NPR “Space Expert” Pat Duggins at Selby Public Library**

Space enthusiasts, stargazers and astronaut fans of all ages will be entertained and enlightened when National Public Radio’s “space expert” Pat Duggins comes to Selby Public Library Geldbart Auditorium, 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 18.

Duggins, a senior news analyst for WMFE Public Radio in Orlando, will talk about Florida’s impact on NASA and NASA’s impact on Florida. This veteran space journalist and author of “Final Countdown: NASA and the End of the Space Shuttle Program” will share the stories of the triumphs and tragedies of America’s manned space effort and discusses how Florida will be affected by NASA’s new goal of returning to the moon and going on to Mars. He will also be available to sign his book at the end of the program.

Duggins has covered space-related news for more than 20 years. He has spent nearly a decade covering NASA on National Public Radio. Pat’s radio stories have been honored with a National Sigma Delta Chi Award from The Society of Professional Journalists, a National Headliner Award, and a Best Documentary Award from the Public Radio News Directors Association, a regional Edward R. Murrow Award, and a SunCoast Regional Emmy.

Sarasota News and Books will be on hand to sell copies of his books. No registration is required. The session is free and will take place in the Jack Geldbart Auditorium at 2 p.m. This event is part of the Road Scholars: Ideas on Wheels program of the Florida Humanities Council and is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Selby Public Library.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Pat Duggins at the Selby Public Library.

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