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Kevin Manning
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Dear Mr. Manning,

Your presentation, "Look Up to the Stars" held at Brockton Public Library on November 22, 2016 was a huge success. You held captive the attention of a very broad audience ranging from seven years of age to people in their seventh decade. One person in the audience has a NASA connection and even she was amazed at how much knowledge you could share off the top of your head. I appreciated the links you made with each element in the creation of stars, making very clear a complex process, the serendipitous discovery of the Shoemaker-Levy Comet and its subsequent impacts, and the comparison of planetary and solar dimensions. You communicated your enthusiasm to the young people in attendance. One noted, "I liked the program a lot and there was never a dull moment." Another indicated, "I will look up on how to build a telescope." When asked if they would recommend this program to a friend or family member, the consensus was a unanimous, "Yes!!!" Most everyone came away with far more knowledge of the subject than they had initially. The survey forms were filled out before they even had a chance to use the telescope, so you may well expect that the superlatives would have increased. Thank you for bringing a quality science lecture and demonstration to Brockton!

Sincerely yours,

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