What is the Library Ship Saga?

In the twenty-fourth century, Earth had established three colonies on planets in other star systems. Isolated by the limitations of the speed of light, these worlds survived, almost completely separated from the rest of humanity. Earth built the three library ships to bring the star colonies back to Terran civilization. Called library ships because they carried a vast storehouse of human knowledge, they would become much more.



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Inspiration

In the early 1990s, or maybe the late 1980s, my family took a trip to Sacramento from our home in the San Francisco Bay Area. We walked through Old Sacramento, and among the places we visited was the Wells Fargo Museum. It wasn't a huge attraction, but we spent a few minutes there, and a display about the Wells Fargo wagon, memorialized in "The Music Man," caught my attention.

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The wagon brought supplies and news to the pioneer settlements, their only contact with distant civilization. I asked myself how much more isolated a settlement in another star system would be if faster than light travel was not possible.

The result was a short story entitled "A Ship from Earth," relating a colony's preparations for the arrival of a starship after twenty years separated from the rest of humankind. That story ended with the ship's landing and the surprises it brought for the colonists.

The Stories

The Tau Ceti Trilogy

Tau Ceti: A Ship from Earth
Tau Ceti: The New Colonists

Tau Ceti: The Immortality Conspiracy

Voyage of the Capek (a novella)

The Methuselah Project

The Methuselah Conspirators
Methuselah's Revenge

The Ambassador

The Ambassador: The Lost Colony
The Ambassador: Path to Contact
The Ambassador: Mission to Earth

Status

This year I began relaunching the Library Ship Saga. The impetus was the need to publish with my own ISBNs to make the novels available for bookstores and libraries. I took advantage of the need to commission new covers and reformat the content using the recently released Atticus. Reissues of the Methuselah novels and the first Ambassador novel followed. The second Ambassador novel will be relaunched in early 2025.

During this period, I also released the third Ambassador novel, Mission to Earth. I had intended this to finish a trilogy, but Edward Goldstein still has work to do. I began the first draft of the fourth Ambassador novel in March, slated to be released in 2025.

In 2024, I wrote the first draft of a saga prequel, tentatively titled Prelude to Space. It tells the story of the development of the Stenhouse technology that is the key to so much in the Library Ship Saga. I'm still getting feedback from my writing group, but the novel, now titled Energy Unlimited, will be out by the end of the year. Eventually, I intend to write two more prequel novels about the events that formed the universe of the library ships.

As an self-published author, I need all the help I can get. The authors below have supported me and written books that I have enjoyed. I've only included their first book on this list. If you like them as much as I do, you shouldn't have any trouble finding more.

Aaron Ramsby: Ruins of Ivy

Plenty of action and rather unique characters.

https://www.aaronwritesbooks.com/

Ian Feldman: Vortex

Exciting novels of disaster and intrigue.

https://www.authorianfeldman.com/

D. S. Blake: Silk Unspun

Alien politics and plenty of action.

Reese Halden: The Last Arbiter

Exciting fantasy.

www.ReeseHaldenLLC.com

Not all the authors I know write science fiction or fantasy. Here are a few more who have supported me.

Loy Holder: Dancing Up the Ladder

Romantic thriller

Kathy Lynne Marshall: Finding Otho: The Search for Our Enslaved Williams Ancestors

Tracing the genealogy of her ancestors has yielded fascinating history.

https://kathylynnemarshall.com/books/

P. L. Clark: Dangerous Gifts

It's hard to categorize her books. She's never settled on a genre. So far, she's published fantasy, westerns, mysteries, and romance.

Betsy Schwarzentraub: Growing Generous Souls

Inspirational Christian books

https://generousstewards.com

Jason Denzel: Mystic

Fantasy

https://jasondenzel.com/