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## ImagineIF Trustee Wins MLA's Jane Lopp Trustee of the Year Award

*Kalispell, MT* – In April, 2021, ImagineIF Libraries Board Trustee, Al Logan, received the Montana Library Association's Jane Lopp Trustee of the Year Award. Al was appointed as Trustee of the ImagineIF Libraries Board of Trustees in 2010 during Jane Lopp's tenure on the same board and was reappointed in 2015. He is finishing up his ten-year tenure as Trustee on June 30, 2021. Al's Board leadership has extended to serving as Board Chair and Vice Chair, as well as years of work on the Finance Committee and various Facilities Committees. He has also served as Board Representative to the ImagineIF Library Foundation and as a member of the Foundation's Bigfork Capital Campaign Committee since 2018.

Al Logan is a retired CPA with a strong business background that includes more than four decades of budgeting, financial statements, taxation and strategic planning for organizations spanning a wide range of industries. A native of Oregon, Al began his professional career in California in the mid-1960s. In 2005, he and his wife, Maggie, moved to Bigfork after falling in love with the environment and community.

Al strongly believes that the exchange of information and ideas is key to the continuing success of our community. He values strategic and long-range planning, wise use of resources, and data-based decision making. These values and his passion for improving library services for local communities are what set Al apart as an exceptional trustee.

Al was nominated for the award by ImagineIF Library Board of Trustees Chair, Connie Leistiko, ImagineIF Library Foundation Executive Director, Charlotte Housel, and former ImagineIF Library Director, Kim Crowley. Foundation Executive Director, Charlotte Housel, wrote in her nomination letter, "Al is one of the most committed, involved, pro-active trustees I've had the pleasure to meet. He thinks holistically about what's required to deliver excellent library services, and looks beyond fiscal oversight to long range stability, adequate facilities, and community awareness of the value of our libraries."

The award is conferred upon a Montana public library trustee in recognition of outstanding achievement and leadership. Nominations may be made by any library board, individual library, librarian, trustee, MLA member, or the Montana State Library Commission. Equal consideration shall be given to trustees of small and large libraries. The award shall be based upon, but not limited to, activities or accomplishments such as the following:

- Service to the local library and participation in state and national activities.
- Constructive accomplishments in promoting library service shall be considered rather than the length of service as a trustee.

- Interest in and contribution to the development of library services beyond those of the local community.
- Achievements of nominees are judged according to criteria found in the Montana Public Library Trustee Manual.

ImagineIF Libraries' mission is to provide safe and unfettered access to information for everyone in Flathead County. For more information, visit [www.imagineiflibraries.org](http://www.imagineiflibraries.org).

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