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ImagineIF Launches Family-Friendly Civic Literacy Programming

Kalispell, MT – This fall ImagineIF Libraries will present a fun, interactive, civic literacy online program encouraging people of all ages to learn about elected government and to engage with civic information.

“Civic literacy is an important means to creating healthy communities,” librarian Megan Glidden said. “When people learn about government and how it works, they become more aware of community issues, experience stronger ties to the larger world, and develop skills that help them participate fully in American life.”

Participants of all ages can sign up for the program starting on September 8th and will need to complete at least 3 activities to earn one of two badges. All participants who complete the challenge by earning one of the badges will receive an ImagineIF tote bag. Adults will also be entered to win a \$100 visa gift card, funded by the ImagineIF Library Foundation.

For more information about the online challenge or to sign up, community members should visit: imagineiflibraries.beanstack.org. Participants can also pick up a paper copy of the Civic Literacy Challenge and a free pocket Constitution at any ImagineIF Libraries location while supplies last.

In addition to the Civic Literacy Challenge, ImagineIF is also hosting three non-partisan Civic Literacy online classes through the Montana Conversations programs by Humanities Montana. These classes, led by Julie Edwards of Niche Academy and Stephan Edwards from the University of Montana, will provide an overview of civics in the United States, discuss how to identify trustworthy information, and explore how to participate in representative government at a city, state and national level.

Humanities Montana is a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and provides Montana communities with opportunities to explore the culture and history of Montana. Community members can sign up for the classes via ImagineIF Libraries’ Facebook Events Page at: facebook.com/imagineiflibraries/events/.

ImagineIF is also offering a Civic Literacy Resource Guide that will offer information about the Civic Literacy Challenge and classes, as well as include links to materials to help support participants. The guide can be accessed at: imagineiflibraries.libguides.com/civics.

For more information about Humanities Montana, visit humanitiesmontana.org.

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