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Summer Experience for All Ages Kicks Off at ImagineIF

Kalispell, MT – On June 8th, ImagineIF Libraries will kick off Summer Experience 2020 for babies, children, teens, and adults. Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser and Headwaters Foundation through funding obtained by ImagineIF Library Foundation, Summer Experience encourages people of all ages to enjoy books, explore science, and discover new adventures all summer long. There is no cost to participate. This year's events are all about learning through play, connecting with our communities, and exploring new hobbies, with an emphasis on STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities in the children and teen programs.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and following the guidance of local public health experts, ImagineIF Libraries will not host their usual in-person Summer Experience programs and workshops this year. In lieu of these popular programs, beginning June 8, participants can explore, learn, and create in their own homes, inspired by thought-provoking and exciting prompts. Youth and adults alike can complete activities, earn badges, and win prizes while exploring their imaginations and the world around them using Beanstack, reading challenge software, with mobile and desktop friendly versions. Sign up online at www.imagineiflibraries.org or at ImagineIF locations in Bigfork, Columbia Falls, or Kalispell. Folks who need an unplugged experience can pick up a paper game board in the library or call 758-5920 to have a one sent to them in the mail.

People of all ages who complete their challenges will receive an embroidered ImagineIF patch to sew on their backpack or jacket. Prizes for children completing their challenges include gift certificates to Sweet Peaks, Oddfellows Coffee House, or Harvest Foods Bakery. Youth can also enter to win one of three \$75 gift certificates to Kalico Art Center for a Paint Your Own Pottery studio session. Adults can enter to win a \$250 Rocky Mountain Outfitters gift certificate.

For details, call 758-5820, visit www.imagineiflibraries.org, or follow ImagineIF on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. Summer Experience concludes August 14. ImagineIF Libraries thanks Weyerhaeuser and Headwaters Foundation for generously supporting the library's summer experiences.

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