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Summer Experience for All Ages Kicks Off at ImagineIF

Kalispell, MT – On June 14th, ImagineIF Libraries will kick off Summer Experience 2021 for children, teens, and adults. 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. Summer Experience is generously sponsored by Applied Materials, the Headwaters Foundation, and the Town Pump Foundation through funding obtained by the ImagineIF Library Foundation.

This year's program for children and teens will offer self-paced reading challenges as well as STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and nature activities paired with adventure kits. These kits have been designed for three different age groups – ages 5 and younger, elementary school aged children, and teens in middle and high school.

Youth participants will receive an adventure guidebook and kit with science materials and tools for exploring. Adults can participate by picking up their own booklet designed to track reading and plan adventures.

Kids, teens, and adults can sign up and pick up their kits and guidebooks at all ImagineIF locations beginning June 14th, while supplies last.

In addition to the Summer Experience kits, ImagineIF is offering outdoor early literacy classes this summer in Kalispell, Columbia Falls and Bigfork. Check out the online events calendar for dates, times and locations at: https://imagineiflibraries.org/events/.

Library staff have a responsibility to provide reasonably safe access to library facilities. Therefore, in-building events will remain on pause through summer. With libraries having returned to full hours in May, library staff invite the community to visit their local library to get a card, check out books and more, and see what's new.

ImagineIF Libraries' mission is to provide safe and unfettered access to information for everyone in Flathead County. For more information, visit www.imagineiflibraries.org.

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