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ImagineIF Libraries' Ellie Newell selected for 40 Under 40 Award

Kalispell, MT – On August 10th, 2021, ImagineIF Libraries' Youth Services Librarian, Ellie Newell, received a *40 Under 40* award presented by the Daily Inter Lake and sponsored by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Flathead Young Professionals Association and Whitefish Credit Union.

The award honors the work of talented young professionals in our area. Winners were selected by a panel of judges based on the review of all nominations. The judges' goal was to select winners who best represent a cross-section of talented "up and comers" who are making a difference in the Flathead Valley.

As ImagineIF's Youth Service Librarian, Newell brings fresh and innovative ideas to the Youth Services department and the community. Under her direction, the Youth Services team pivoted to virtual programming the first day of the lockdown during the pandemic.

Since her arrival at ImagineIF in 2018, Newell has also expanded the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program offerings and installations at the library and identified at least 6 new distribution sites for Early Literacy Kits. These contributions create opportunities for local families to learn, grow and thrive and made Newell a deserving recipient of the prestigious *40 under 40* award.

ImagineIF Libraries encourages exploration, fresh ideas and self-discovery. ImagineIF offers activities and services for all ages. For more information, visit www.imagineiflibraries.org.

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