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ImagineIF Offers New Science Tools for Checkout

Kalispell, MT – ImagineIF Libraries is excited to announce a new science-based educational program for all ages. This January the Library is launching *Science Connect: Lending Tools For Discovery*, a new service that allows patrons to check out science kits or a Reflector Telescope.

In partnership with Arizona State University and SciStarter, ImagineIF is offering two Citizen Science Kits for checkout - Measuring Light in the Night Kit and Exploring Biodiversity. With the Measuring Light in the Night Kit, patrons will learn about light pollution and contribute to astronomical research. The kit features interactive star charts, astronomy binoculars and sky quality meter. The Exploring Biodiversity Kit will introduce patrons to our local biodiversity. It provides smartphone clip-on lenses and smartphone adaptable binoculars for you to share your observational data on iNaturalist, the world's most popular nature app. These citizen science kits are a great fit for all ages, making it easy for anyone of any age to turn their curiosity into action and impact scientific discovery.

In addition, Imagine IF Libraries has partnered with The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula and the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation to provide an Orion Starblast 4.5" Altazimuth Reflector telescope for check out. The telescope comes with instructions for use including how to properly transport and setup the telescope. It is capable of gathering several hundred times more light than the naked eye, magnify up to 56.25 times, and has been specially modified making it easy for amateur astronomers of all ages to observe the moon's craters, explore Jupiter and its Galilean satellites, discover Saturn and its rings and more.

Science Connect items will be available for checkout starting on January 21st, 2022. Check ImagineIF's website for details at: https://imagineiflibraries.org/education/adults/

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