Name: Christianne Jaffe

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ImagineIF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

NAME: CHRISTIANNE JAFFE
ADDRESS: [Redacted]
PHONE: [Redacted]
EMAIL: [Redacted]

1. How did you learn about the open position on the Library Board?
I have a friend who often attends the board meetings and mentioned that I might be interested and should apply.

2. In what ways do you feel connected to the library's mission?
Throughout my life libraries have been an integral part of my education whether formal or self directed. I grew up in a lower income family and because of my local library I had access to all kinds of information in terms of books, magazines, newspapers to which I otherwise would not have had access. As I grew I used the library for other means including research and certainly through the university setting I would come across interesting books about all kinds of topics that informed my learning and advanced my worldview and education throughout grade school, high school and certainly during my master’s degree preparation.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the Board?
I have been volunteering in public service for years. I feel that exposure to education is one of the most important assets we have and at this point I want to spend my time away from work engaged in endeavors that support that belief. The library certainly educates.

4. Do you have any previous leadership or board service experience?
I served on the Woodbridge Connecticut Board of Education as Secretary from 2013 to 2016. I served as the President of the Flathead Democratic Women from January 2018 to January 2022.

5. What kinds of skills or expertise can you offer to the Board? How will the organization benefit from your participation?
I am currently an adult nurse practitioner and feel that my knowledge of advanced learning through my education including preparation of a master’s dissertation reminds me of the value of education through all means including a robust public library system.

I feel my previous public service as above prepares me for committee work and participation in problem solving. I come with prior knowledge of what it means to be part of a board -I understand the demands and rules of committee and board work, Robert’s Rules, etc.
6. Will your work schedule allow you to regularly attend board meetings? And, participate in committee work between meetings?

I currently work three days per week. I would do my best to arrange my schedule to attend.

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http://libraries.msl.mt.gov/library_development/certification

I would plan to attend trainings.
Please provide three references who could speak to your ability to serve on the ImagineIF Libraries Board of Trustees:

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