What do you think?
We would love to hear about your experience

Date 7/11/22

☐ Bigfork  ☐ Columbia Falls  ☑ Kalispell  ☐ Marion

I always enjoy being here, and so do the kids.

☑ No response needed
☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address

What do you think?
We would love to hear about your experience

Date 7/5/22

☐ Bigfork  ☐ Columbia Falls  ☑ Kalispell  ☐ Marion

The Needle Felting is awesome as is the Teen's Experience for Summer.

Thank you!

☑ No response needed
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The USDA Handouts for Huckleberry picking spots is another infringement of people upon the words, animals & eco-system.

☐ No response needed  ☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address

What do you think?
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Date 6-27-2022

☐ Bigfork  ☐ Columbia Falls  ☑ Kalispell  ☐ Marion

I loved having the fiction divided into categories - save time since I'm NEVER going to read Sci-Fi or Romance.

☐ No response needed  ☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address
What do you think?
We would love to hear about your experience

Date 6/18/22
☑ Bigfork  ☐ Columbia Falls  ☐ Kalispell  ☐ Marion

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN BIGFORK!

☑ No response needed
☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address

What do you think?
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Date 6/15/22
☑ Bigfork  ☐ Columbia Falls  ☐ Kalispell  ☐ Marion

Deidre is such a well spoken & passionate advocate for the library!

☑ No response needed
☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address
New submission from Contact Library Board of Trustees

asklib@imagineiflibraries.org <asklib@imagineiflibraries.org>
Wed 6/22/2022 11:40 AM

To: Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibraries.org>; Lune Axelsen
<laxelsen@imagineiflibraries.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>; Ashley Cummins
<acummins@imagineiflibraries.org>

Name

Mark Shropshire

Your Email Address

iwrite@centurytel.net

Type your message below.

I would like to focus on eBooks and creation science.
Hi,
I'm looking for the next fiscal year's meeting schedule for the Board of Trustees. Is that available yet?
Thank you,
Carmen
Good morning, Board,

I just want to extend a sincere thank you from the hard-working parents of this community. I am not often able to make it to the board meetings but I read with happiness that you are standing up for the values and traditions that many of us have spent our lives fostering for our children and our community.

Please continue to stand strong in the face of intense criticism from the anti-family, anti-Christian mob. Good work is never easy. Thousands of us stand with you in spirit.

Many thanks,
Jason
LMT,  

Public comment on Josh. I agree. He's great!

Tony  
Ask Library
New submission from Contact Library Board of Trustees
asklib@imagineiflibraries.org <asklib@imagineiflibraries.org>
Sun 7/10/2022 11:07 AM
To: Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibraries.org>; Lune Axelsen <laxelsen@imagineiflibraries.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>; Ashley Cummins <acummins@imagineiflibraries.org>

Name
Wendy Lauman

Your Email Address
mwlauman@montanasky.us

Type your message below.

Two important articles in the Flathead Beacon and the Daily Interlake that state the reality of the library turmoil.

https://flatheadbeacon.com/2022/06/30/library-board-appointment-sparks-backlash/

Re: New submission from Contact Library Board of Trustees

Doug Adams <dadams@imagineiflibrariess.org>
Thu 7/14/2022 11:41 PM
To: Ask Library <asklib@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Lune Axelsen <laxelsen@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Ashley Cummins <acummins@imagineiflibrariess.org>

Sidney,
The library Foundation hosted a meet and greet for Ashley and for the new Foundation director, Adam. It was an invitation-only affair, which is probably why some people didn’t hear about it.
Doug

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

From: asklib@imagineiflibrariess.org <asklib@imagineiflibrariess.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:13:36 AM
To: Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Lune Axelsen <laxelsen@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibrariess.org>; Ashley Cummins <acummins@imagineiflibrariess.org>
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Name

Sidney Johnson

Your Email Address

starsid@bresnan.net

Type your message below.

Have you had a welcoming reception or some such for our new Director? Or has it been done and I didn’t see it in local press?
Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to let the Imaginelf Libraries know that I am turning in my library card. I have enjoyed my local one for the 15 years I’ve lived here, but the current atmosphere has turned irresponsible, toxic, and even worse, fascistic. I’ve noted below some of my reasons:

- The endorsement of Carmen Cuthbertson to the Board of Trustees following the Flathead County Republican Central Committee’s “call to action.” Political parties – as well as religious affiliations – have no business pushing their agendas with a library system. Libraries should reflect the entire population for whom they serve.

- The Whitefish Community Foundation declined inviting Imaginelf libraries to their fundraising event because they found it difficult to fund its programs and remain accountable to their donors.

- Appointing a Trustee requires someone who has both knowledge and experience in libraries and the laws they are governed by. Cuthbertson, unlike the 11 other applicants, has no such experience. I’m not even sure if she has a degree in Library Science.

- Cuthbertson has voiced her opinion for months that the graphic novel, *Gender Queer*, be pulled from the shelves. Her explanation is that it is “...poorly written, childishley illustrated jumble of nightmarish recollections.” That is her opinion formed by what? If that is the only book with this narrative, then all the more it should remain in the collection with others hopefully to be given to the library since gender studies for all ages help children know that they are not alone. My education and training is in psychology, and children who sense their differences from other children have wretched and frightened lives. Reading about other children like themselves begins to soften how they feel about their worth. No, absolutely not, does reading a queer book teach children queerness. I read for the moment, the book remains in the collection.

Do I think every book written should be in a library? Probably not ones filled with hate or how to make a bomb. Evil instruction there.

- Earlier I am remembering that the trustees approved hiring a library director who was not qualified and that cost the Flathead County $35,000 in state aid. That placement diminishes the reputable standing of the libraries involved.

Sincerely,

Jill ALEXANDER
P.O. Box 2222
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
maxmoxmyer@gmail.com
July 11, 2022

Kalispell Library Board
247 1st Ave East,
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dear Ms. Cuthbertson and other Library Board Members,

I am addressing this to you at the Library Board instead of airing this in the newspaper.

I am a fan of ImagineIF and know what the library was like before it was desiccated by the current board of directors. It was a beehive of young children with the wonderful children’s programs that were available. First there was the loss of Elly, who was a fabulous children’s director who left at the beginning of the poor choices by the Library Board. The good people who have left the library after being assaulted by you, the current library board, is appalling.

None of you really should be on the Library Board given your recent history with the attempt to censor the book in question, Gender Queer. Let me clarify immediately that I have not read the book and don’t intend to. I absolutely would not want my grandkids reading the book. There are a few young people that may benefit from the book. And for them, the book should be made available.

Here is my beef with all of you all personally. The book in question was housed on a top shelf in the Adult section of the Library and pretty much no one knew about it. Absolutely out of the reach of younger children. In fact the older kids would have had to know about the book beforehand to be able to find it. Since your challenge of the book, it is now the best known book within Flathead County and undoubtedly you have increased sales for the author exponentially. This is a book that if left alone by self-righteous persons of the board, most likely would have gone the way other books that are not read go, and it would have eventually gone into obscurity. But NO, with your challenge you have been shamelessly promoting this book and the author all over the county as a result of your challenge.

To make my point, since you are all currently on the board, I challenge you to talk to the staff there, see when the book was purchased and what the readership of the book was from its purchase up to when you, the Library Board began making so much noise about this book and your challenge of the book. I think what you will find will be a real eye opener for all of you. I expect you will find a book barely read, to now with a waiting list of months long. All I can say about this is shame on you. You or the other members of the board do not have the insight or foresight to see that what you were doing was going to be such a problem? You can’t undo the damage you have done by your witless actions. Personally, I think you all should resign and let people who are accountable and can think their actions through and people who actually care about the Library and its future. You certain do not.

Sincerely,
Marian Cartee

[Signature]
Re: New submission from Contact Library Board of Trustees

Carmen Cuthbertson <ccuthbertson@imagineiflibraries.org>
Fri 7/15/2022 1:26 PM
To: Ask Library <asklib@imagineiflibraries.org>; Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibraries.org>; Lune Axelsen <laxelsen@imagineiflibraries.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>; Ashley Cummins <acummins@imagineiflibraries.org>

Dear Valeri,
I don't know how the Commissioners made a determination on moving forward after Marsha's resignation.
I believe it's Teri Dugan who can tell you how to apply.
Have a great day,
Carmen

From: asklib@imagineiflibraries.org <asklib@imagineiflibraries.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:07 AM
To: Library Trustees <librarytrustees@imagineiflibraries.org>; Lune Axelsen <laxelsen@imagineiflibraries.org>; Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>; Ashley Cummins <acummins@imagineiflibraries.org>
Subject: New submission from Contact Library Board of Trustees

Name

Valeri McGarvey

Your Email Address

mccarvey779@gmail.com

Type your message below.

Could you please send me some information about the current empty board trustee position? What is the deadline to reapply, and why aren't the commissioners considering the current applicants?
Thank you--