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ImagineIF Announces New Science Initiatives

Kalispell, MT –ImagineIF Libraries is excited to announce the expansion of their Science Connect program at all library locations. Science Connect is a new experience at ImagineIF that encourages adults and families to make science happen through exploration and participation in real research projects. Through the Science Connect program, the community is encouraged to take part in Citizen Science, the participation and collaboration of the public in scientific research to increase scientific knowledge.

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. These Citizen Science tools 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. Find out more at: imagineiflibraries.org/services/science-connect.

In addition to the Science Connect kits, ImagineIF will be installing a Native Plant Garden this summer. The landscaping around the Kalispell Library will be transformed into a Native Plant Garden featuring sixteen plant species native to Flathead County. The garden will provide opportunities for the community to explore local biodiversity, science and nature for years to come.

The community is invited to participate in a Native Seed Planting activity at the library this April. Plant and take home a native Montana seedling, care for it and then return it to the library to be added to the Native Plant Garden or plant it in your own yard. In May, the community is invited to help design the layout of the garden through an interactive display at each library location. For dates, times and locations of these activities go to: imagineiflibraries.org/events/events-calendar.

The library has also united with Glacier National Park, USGS, University of Florida, Worldwide Painted Lady Migration Project and Save Our Monarchs Foundation to sponsor three Science Initiatives offering hands-on experiences at the library this summer: Huckleberry Initiative, Solitary Bee Initiative and Butterfly Initiative. Stop by any ImagineIF Libraries location to find out more or visit their website at: imagineiflibraries.org/services/science-connect.

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

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