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New Art Exhibits and Cultural Art Installation at ImagineIF this Fall

Kalispell, MT – This fall, ImagineIF Libraries invites the public to view three new art exhibits on display at ImagineIF Kalispell and Columbia Falls. The library is highlighting three local artists, Tom Roberts, Johnny Ratka Skinner, and Keri Keefe.

“Portraits in Nature,” an exhibition by local artist and art educator Tom Roberts, is on display at ImagineIF Kalispell through November 2022. Many of the oil paintings focus on big game, wildlife, and Montana landscape. Tom Roberts earned a degree in Art Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1978 and has taught art for 40 years in Iowa, Virginia, Austria, Japan, and Kalispell. His love for Montana was inspired in part by the 20 years that he and his wife, Cindy, spent as seasonal park rangers in Yellowstone National Park. Tom worked as an interpretive guide and reenacted many live histories. These experiences continue to influence his art. Learn more about Tom and his work during a Gallery Walk at ImagineIF Kalispell on October 24th from 4-5pm.

Returning for a second year, local artist Johnny Ratka Skinner brings a cultural art installation to the Kalispell location this fall. The public is invited to view a Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) exhibit on display from October 15th through November 6th. This traditional display serves as a cultural expression of Mexican and Latino cultural heritage and allows observants to connect with their departed loved ones and to honor their ancestry.

At ImagineIF Columbia Falls, viewers can enjoy the vibrant watercolor paintings featured in the exhibit “The Road Unmarked” by local artist Keri Keefe, also on display through November 2022. Early in Keri’s journey as an artist, she fell in love with the magical qualities of this medium. The fluidity, the glow, and the ability to capture even the softest light transported her to the wonder she felt as a small child. As she’s grown as an artist and explored different techniques within watercolor, Keri has tried to retain that sense of magic. Join Keri for an Artist Meet and Greet on November 5th from 12-1pm at ImagineIF Columbia Falls, with all artwork 30% off in November.

ImagineIF Libraries is excited to showcase these works to the community and inspire patrons to explore cultural diversity through the library’s collections and materials. ImagineIF welcomes the opportunity for local artists to display artwork for public viewing in their exhibit spaces. Artists are encouraged to apply at [imagineiflibraries.org/events/art-exhibits](https://www.imagineiflibraries.org/events/art-exhibits).

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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