



Summer Experience

immerses babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age kids in 9 weeks of hands-on activities exploring **(STEAM)** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math



902 Scrapbooks

86 Programs

1,445 Early Learners

670 Kids

53,117 Library Materials



Motivate with ART



SUMMER SCRAPBOOK

A scrapbook paired with open-ended sticker prompts invited children and families to set goals for reading and activities over the summer. The stickers provided inspiration for documenting special memories and achievements. Exploring and creating during the summer ignites children's curiosity. Those curious minds find answers, ideas and opportunities at the library.

Unique stickers designed by Library Advisor, Sierra Benjamin



902
children
picked up a
scrapbook



OBJECTIVES

1. READ

Summer Experience presents reading in a new light. This experience is prompted by intrinsic motivation which fosters imagination, empathy and growth mindset. From June to August of 2023, ImagineIF Libraries circulated **53,117** juvenile materials.

2. EXPLORE

Children need ample opportunities to create and experiment. Summer Experience presents STEAM concepts through fun and engaging activities. Library programs this summer hosted **2,115** children.

3. INSPIRE

Children who experience the joy of learning build habits that last a lifetime. These positive life-long habits can be inspired by visiting the library. On a program day in July, **626** people walked through the door of ImagineIF Kalispell.



Children enjoying "chores" of dishwashing, sweeping and window washing during the HOME program.



Learn through **play**

PROGRAMS

Children were invited to participate in meaningful, interactive programs at all library locations. Activities included painting with a squeegee in SQUISH, completing household chores in HOME, exploring math concepts in SHAPE, experimenting with moving water in FLOW, creating decorative sponge cakes in BAKE, learning the art of camouflage in HIDE, and identifying resources in FARM.





An attendance high of 75 children in Kalispell occurred during the school age BAKE program. In addition to baking simple cookies in an air fryer, kids also created "sponge" cakes!

In addition to programs within library spaces, ImagineIF partnered with Kalispell Parks & Recreation and Columbia Falls' Pinewood Aquatic Center. Free open swim time paired with water themed stories and songs was a splashing success!



5 Pool Story Times = 185 children



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