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Kalispell Welcomes Montana's First Maker Faire

Kalispell, MT – Flathead Valley Community College's Entrepreneurship Center and ImagineIF Libraries have joined forces to bring Montana its first Maker Faire on February 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in FVCC's Arts and Technology Building.

The Kalispell Mini Maker Faire is a free event featuring more than 30 innovative exhibits, many of which will include hands-on activities for the public to explore and enjoy.

Maker Faire is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness. During the event, exhibitors will showcase their inventions and share what they learned in the process.

Are you curious about the life cycle of bees and the many uses of honey? Interested in seeing a 3D printer in action? Want to learn how to tie durable cordage from dried grass, give new life to a used household container or make your own hand drum? The Kalispell Mini Maker Faire will provide information on these topics and much more.

In addition, ImagineIF Libraries will teach kids how to make a flying machine, Warren Lane will show attendees how to repurpose an old snowboard into a "junk board" and Gordon Sheldon will demonstrate how to operate a robot by moving blocks around on a computer screen.

Along with the exhibits by local makers, the Kalispell Mini Maker Faire will feature the following five informative presentations throughout the day:

10:15 a.m.

3D Printing: Imagine It...You Can Make It!

Bill Nicholson, inDimension3

11:00 a.m.

The Perfect Brew

Karen Witt, Flathead Valley Homebrewers Association

11:45 a.m.

Holistic Living: Sustainability through Permaculture

Kelly Ware, Permaculturist

12:45 p.m.

It's Magic: Producing Energy from Waste

Robin Kelson, Algae AquaCulture Technology

1:30 p.m.

How to "Make" a Great Story

Roland Cheek, Author and Storyteller

For more information about the Kalispell Mini Maker Faire, visit www.kalispellminimakerfaire.com or contact FVCC Entrepreneurship Coordinator Jill Seigmund at (406) 756-3834.

ImagineIF Libraries encourage exploration, fresh ideas and self-discovery. ImagineIF offers activities and services for all ages. For more information, visit www.imagineiflibraries.org.

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