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## **ImagineIF Libraries Recognized as Montana Library of the Year**

*Kalispell, MT* – At the Montana Library Association annual conference in Bozeman this week, ImagineIF Libraries is receiving the 2015 Library of the Year Award. The award will be officially presented to ImagineIF this evening at the MLA Awards Dinner.

The ImagineIF board and staff are thrilled and humbled to be selected by their library peers as the Montana Library of the Year. “It is such an honor to be recognized by our statewide library association,” Board Chair Al Logan said. “We have many great libraries in Montana, and it means so much to be recognized in this way.”

Just over a year ago, the Flathead County Library System rebranded, becoming ImagineIF Libraries, a true library of the future. The new culture at ImagineIF highlights the energy, fun and possibility that can be found in the library.

In her nomination letter, Kalispell resident Susie Burch stated, “Library facility and budget constraints in the Flathead have not prevented ImagineIF from designing spaces that vibrate with potential.” Burch credited ImagineIF’s visionary strategic plan as giving structure and direction to the “exploration, connections and creation happening in our libraries.” From engaging programs to innovative outreach, Burch referenced the positive community response, as well as her own experiences at the library.

Montana State Library Director of Statewide Resources Sarah McHugh, in her nomination, spoke of ImagineIF’s focus on programs and outreach for the community and the resulting “vibrant partnerships between the ImagineIF libraries and their local communities.” McHugh concluded, “ImagineIF Libraries shine as they continually strive to better serve their local communities, their region and their state.”

The ImagineIF board and staff wish to thank our local community members for their support, and invite everyone in the Flathead to visit their local ImagineIF library to experience the fun and exciting happenings in person.

ImagineIF Libraries encourage exploration, fresh ideas and self-discovery. ImagineIF offers activities and services for all ages. For more information, visit [www.imagineiflibraries.org](http://www.imagineiflibraries.org).

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