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ImagineIF to Host Community Celebrations as Library of the Year

Kalispell, MT – Join ImagineIF Libraries this month for three community celebrations. ImagineIF was named the 2015 Montana Library of the Year, and we want to celebrate with our neighbors, customers, families and friends.

“Being recognized as Montana Library of the Year is a great honor, and I am extremely proud of our Board of Trustees, Foundation and dedicated staff for their hard work,” ImagineIF Director Kim Crowley said. “But it’s not just about us. Being part of the wonderful Flathead community continues to be our delight and privilege. This community is a huge part of why we were named Library of the Year.”

Celebrations at three ImagineIF locations are scheduled for mid-September. Attendees will enjoy refreshments, live music, a photo booth and the Portraits of the Flathead exhibit, a collaboration between ImagineIF Libraries and photographer Lido Vizzutti. The exhibit features black-and-white photographs highlighting the many faces and personalities of the Flathead: bike mechanics and brand inspectors, musicians and potters, students and teachers, artists and woodcutters...and even librarians.

Portraits of the Flathead is also ImagineIF’s way of taking part in Outside the Lines, an initiative to reconnect communities with the creativity, discovery and unexpected experiences happening in libraries today. This year Outside the Lines is September 13-19. Organizations around the globe are reintroducing libraries to their communities during Outside the Lines by hosting events and campaigns that demonstrate the innovation and creativity happening in libraries.

2015 Montana Library of the Year Community Celebrations

- ImagineIF Bigfork: Wednesday, September 16, 5-7 p.m., with live music by Old Sap
- ImagineIF Kalispell: Thursday, September 17, 5-7 p.m., with live music by the Smart Alex
- ImagineIF Columbia Falls: Wednesday, September 23, 5-7 p.m., with live music by the Ashley Creek Ramblers as well as tours of the newly remodeled library

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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