

Project Title: COVID-19 Recovery Resources for a Small Community and its Students

Rotary Year: 2020-21

Country: USA

Location: Bigfork, Montana

PROGRESS REPORT

RC Bigfork and RC Kalispell have received matching funds of \$2500 each from District 5390, and Kalispell Rotary Club is transferring their \$2500 DDF plus \$2500 RC Kalispell match to the BF Rotary Club account.

Rotary partners remain in contact by phone and on Zoom with Charlotte Housel, Imagine If Library Foundation Director. Charlotte also oversees development for the Bigfork Imagine If Library.

The library continues to follow Flathead County Health Department guidelines and Montana state mandates for COVID-19, including strictly limiting the number of adults and children coming into the library. During this time, the library program staff is creating online options and “pick up packets” for readers and students to use at home. Although public health precautions and restrictions have delayed the exciting installation of the Rotary Maker Space, library programmers are using this time to further enhance plans for its optimal utilization.

Another silver lining of the COVID-caused interruption of “normal” library operations is the opportunity for Charlotte to postpone purchase of equipment for the project until January 2021, when she can take advantage of newer technology and valuable discounts on products. Once these purchases are made, Rotarians will coordinate with library staff to help unpack and set up the equipment. And when health and safety permit, Rotarians will volunteer to help teens learn how to use the Rotary Maker Space.

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