

# What do you think?

We would love to hear about your experience

Date 1-14-25

☐ Bigfork ☐ Columbia Falls ☒ Kalispell ☐ Marion



I just finished a new book, We Were Illegal, by Jessica Goudeau. Thank you so much for providing this book to our community. The author takes a look back at her family's history as they settled in Texas - without ignoring their connection with slavery, Texas Rangers and their violent ways, vigilantism, and their church's involvement with the kkk.

☒ No response needed

☐ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address

We need to know the truth about our country's history, so we don't repeat the same mistakes! Thanks again.

1 Please install FireFox <sup>WEB</sup> BROWSER  
on the stand up  
computers.

I do not want to be  
a slave to big tech.  
You guys used to have Firefox  
on all the computers.  
Please pick up the slack.

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Big tech companies suck.  
It's like encouraging me  
to shop at wal-mart  
so that all of our U.S.  
jobs can be outsourced  
to India and other poor  
countries to further enrich  
the wealthy and gut our <sup>middle</sup> class.

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Everything looks well

☒ No response needed

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Date 25/1/25

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I am a teen and I go to the library  
almost every day and I just wanted to  
say that I am very grateful that everyone  
is so nice to me, especially 2 ladies named  
Ashlyn & Deidre. They are very nice to me & I

☒ No response needed really appreciate them more than anyone else.  
I appreciate Ashlyn the most.

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I really miss the Black  
History displays. Such a shame  
to let that go-

☒ No response needed

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I like "Imagine If"  
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☒ No response needed

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☐ Kalispell

I would love it there were more  
staff about engineering and activity about  
engineering

☐ No response needed

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Date 1/31/2025



☒ Bigfork ☐ Columbia Falls ☐ Kalispell

Beautiful New spot. Fun activities for kids.  
A couple books were NOT ACCEPTABLE!  
"Our Subway Baby" + "Pride Puppy"  
Get them out Not in our community.

☐ No response needed

This is not encouraging good morals or values!

☒ For a response, please print your name and a phone number, email or mailing address

406-381-5890 Shannan Brooks

Please call with a solution as how this will be resolved  
and how to get these inappropriate books removed.



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**Re: Shannon Brooks**

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**From** Rebecca Johnson <rjohnson@imagineiflibraries.org>

**Date** Wed 2/12/2025 12:50 PM

**To** Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>

I spoke with Shannon Brooks by phone on Friday, Feb 7th. I called her to respond to the How'd we do form that she filled out in Bigfork. She started off by acknowledging that she didn't remember exactly what she had written on the form and apologized if it came across as angry. I reminded her that she asked to know how to get two books, "Our Subway Baby" and "Pride Puppy" removed from the library. I explained the typical process of weeding materials due to condition or lack of circulation. I informed her that in this case she would need to fill out a formal materials challenge form and what that process looks like. I also let her know that both of these books have circulated since being added to the collection in 2021 and that we have not received any other complaints. Shannon asked me if there were other options for putting books into various categories so that they could be avoided. She mentioned that she would prefer not to micromanage her children picking out books, but rather give them guidelines to the sections of books that they would be allowed to browse. I stated that this would be difficult because of the subjective nature of deciding where to place books.

I reiterated a couple times that she was welcome to fill out a materials challenge but she never stated that she would follow through with that. She wanted to make her (and other parents who she is friends with) opinions known and stated that she had ideas she'd like to share. I told her she was always welcome to do that and asked if she would like to speak with the library director. I provided her with Teri's contact information and encouraged her to call. The entire phone conversation was pleasant and respectful.

**Rebecca Johnson**  
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**From:** Teri Dugan <tdugan@imagineiflibraries.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2025 12:22 PM

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I spoke with Shannon Brooks on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. She expressed that she was representing a large group of parents in Bigfork who share her views.

Shannon appreciated the beautiful new space in Bigfork and the hard work of the staff. She suggested creating clearly labeled sections in the library, allowing parents to choose which materials to expose their children to. She mentioned that the library in Helena creates a special Pride display during June, moving all related materials for children to that section, and asked if a similar approach could be implemented in our library. Shannon emphasized that she did not want to create additional work for the staff and offered to organize volunteers to help with the task. Her concerns included materials in the children's area that referenced homosexuality, sorcery, witchcraft, or gender transitioning. Her desire would be to have our library organized in a way that let parents know which section they were sending their children to.

I explained the materials reconsideration process policy that we have in place, which she declined to pursue. I offered to research what other libraries in Montana are doing as far as organization and we exchanged emails to stay in touch. Our conversation was friendly and I intend to follow up further with her.

Teri Dugan  
Library Director  
2/12/25

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Date 2/4/24

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Wonderful to have  
such a nice library!

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We love the library! My toddlers love  
Becca, and have so much fun with  
all the activities here.

☒ No response needed

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# What do you think?

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Date 2/7/25



☒ Bigfork ☐ Columbia Falls ☐ Kalispell

It's fantastic! I, 39 yrs old &  
my 2 yr old love it.  
Great toys, great selection

☒ No response needed

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Your name "Imagine IF" is incredibly creative & playful! I am new from Florida and I have never seen such a cool name for a library.

*Jaral Schuett*

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