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NEW SEARCH TOOLS, FREE BOOK PROGRAM & SUMMER READING: What's Up At Your Mineral County Public Library

Superior--Users of online services at the Mineral County Public Library's website will notice a few changes, according to Library Director Guna Chaberek.

"The Montana Shared Catalog system has an updated Patron platform," she says. "It's called Enterprise, and we're still getting up to speed on it, but Users will notice a new look and it also gives us more functions, such as the ability to refine searches by item availability, creating book lists/themes, and texting yourself the names of books that you want to read."

Another new library perk is called ShoutBomb. With the Shoutbomb text messaging service, which you must "opt in to," Chaberek says, you can get texts about due/overdue items, and holds on books right from your mobile phone. Your text rates apply, but the service is FREE.

And speaking of free, the Library is also now part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which sends kids free books. The country-western singer started the program in 1995, because she wanted to "foster a love of reading among preschool children and their families." Today, it's a nationwide program that mails a specially selected, age-appropriate book each month directly to the child's home. Mineral and Missoula counties are participating in the program thanks to the sponsorship of the United Way of Missoula !

"We're so pleased to have the program extended to Mineral County," says Chaberek. "We're telling parents, please go to our website at www.mineralcountylibrary.org and register your child for a free book a month. It's a wonderful opportunity to share the magic of book reading."

That magic is also slated for June 16th, when the Library's annual Summer Reading Program launches. Stay tuned for details on that. For more information about the Mineral County Public Library and its programs, contact the Library at 406.822.3563.

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