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Join us at Hoyt Library on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. for TOTALITY! Chasing the Shadow with Delta College Planetarium’s Mike Murray. He’ll highlight what a solar eclipse is and how to get the most out of the experience, including where to see totally and how to view the sun safely.

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- todas, by Tomaž Valentič
- The Sparrow, by Sharon Olds
- The Fugitive, by Natasha Trethewey
- Biter, by dumeland
- The Island off the Strand, by! gnam
- Mere, by Robert Lowell
- The Bluest Bird, by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
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Swooping Thru the Stacks

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The Lost Library

By Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass

Recommended for Ages 8-12

This story is about a little free library that is guarded by a fluffy orange cat named Mortimer. The beautiful cover pulls in and makes you want to know more. You will not be disappointed! It has been written for children but adults will enjoy this book also.

This is an endearing mystery told by a boy named Evan, a cat and a ghost librarian. A little free library appears suddenly in a small town right in front of the historical museum. Everyone is surprised and this begins to stir up memories of the fire that had burned down the public library many years prior. Everyone also wants to talk about the mystery behind this happening. Evan decides to take a couple books from the new little library and those books lead him to investigate a connection between the past and the present. He has no idea of the life changing information he is about to discover. You will love meeting every single character in this book. Read it and you will see the power of a good book.

One of my favorite quotes from the book: “Being a Great Reader has nothing to do with reading great long books, or even with reading a great many books. Being a Great Reader is to read a great many books. Being a Great Reader is to read a great many books.”

Reviewed by Michelle Zimostrad

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