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Time: 2:30 p.m.

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DOWNTOWN BRANCH
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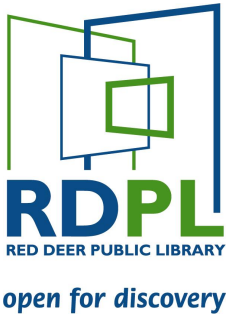
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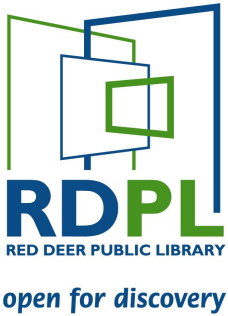
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