Disappearing Like Cookies Out of a Jar

What do you want to read this week?
Hardcore science fiction, (and I mean HARD core)?
A small story with a small quest for a small group of people?
A witty satire from a fictional universe of a football match with wizards on one team and god knows who else on the other?
A whimsical yarn involving a librarian? (okay, okay, she was a book store clerk)
Will you have the steak and potatoes, the creamy linguini, the chicken fried rice or the baked vegetable dish with the unidentifiable but bubbling cheese?
I’m telling you, they are all good. Choices, choices, choices ...

You are going to have to act fast this week ... library staff and faculty have begun sneaking in and raiding my desk BEOFRE I finish writing anything up. I had eight titles on my desk and am now down to these four. (Well, I am exaggerating of course. There are 22 more titles lined up behind that stack.) (maybe there’s not 22 ...) What I am saying is, get your reads while they are still hot.

The thirteenth tale

Old bookstore (new bookstores are soo tacky), gothic atmosphere (good), nasty old women (aren’t they all), a reclusive-oversensitive-perfidious author (that’s a new combination), a peek into the bizarre (sure), a ghost (necessary to match the gothic atmosphere), a fire (ditto), and feral children (I got nothing to say ‘bout that).

Not in that order. You’ll find out what order it comes in.

Creepy and canny.

The three-body problem

China’s Cultural Revolution, 2,000 (or maybe 5,000) years of history, unflinching intellectual dissidents, government military secrets, VR simulation games. Oh, and an alien civilization that captures an enigmatic military project’s signal. That bit is a little bit key.

You will need to know history, physics, computer science, Chinese culture and the Chinese alphabet. If you are smart, you may be able to read this book. I was not; I googled everything to keep up. Still a great read.

Still sulking about not being smart.

Translated from the Chinese. Winner of the Hugo.
A science fiction masterpiece.
Tilly and the crazy eights

Eight, especial elders from a small BC community, each with personal history, issues and drama take a road trip to The Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque (I’ve never had occasion to Albuquerque before!) New Mexico. They fight, reconcile, hurt, love, break and heal. And not just with each other, or with only their own pasts.

Amusing, melancholic and restorative. “Love IS medicine”

Just as it often is.

Unseen Academicals

Ever read Terry Pratchett? No? Then, I’m about to blow your socks off …

The city: Ankh-Morpork
The institution: The Unseen University
The Archchancellor: Ridicully, and he’s a bit of bully
The Burser: uses dried frog pills to cope
The Librarian: an Orangutan, once human, but more satisfied in his present form
The football team: Wizards.

And they’re in a bad mood, they can’t magic the victory. Dissonance beyond credence.

“This is not going to be a gentleman’s game.”

Terry Pratchett has written millions of stories about the Discworld and you know what the Queen of England did about it?
She knighted him.

If a book is signed out, you can put a hold on it and we’ll let you know when it’s here for you.

Fiction is available at all our campus libraries.