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Cover: Retired librarian Susan Madden reads to the crowd at the Awards Luncheon (see page 20 for more about Madden).

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