**Booktalk Example**

Start by asking your audience a group question to hook them.

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| Does anyone like fantasy books that are similar enough to reality that you could almost imagine them coming true? |

Then, summarize the plot of the book in a short paragraph.

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| That’s why I like the Golden Compass. The story takes place in an alternate universe on Earth where every person has a part of their soul that lives outside of their body in the form of an animal who they can talk to. The story centers around Lyra Belacqua, a feisty orphaned girl who tries to solve a mystery of why kids are disappearing in Oxford. Along her journey she encounters gypsies, golden monkeys, armored bears, and powers that she possesses. |

Finally, tell us who would like this kind of book (include the genre) and why they would like it in a short paragraph.

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| This is a great book for anyone who enjoys a good adventure or fantasy novel. Lyra faces a lot of adversity along the way and has a lot of spunk, so if you would like a Harry Potter style fantasy with a feisty female protagonist, I’d definitely read the Golden Compass. |