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The Wonderful World of Reading Announced

Today, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, Buffalo Sabres Center Cody Hodgson and Sabretooth announced plans for the 3rd annual Winter Reading competition – ***The Wonderful World of Reading***.

"You're a winner when you read," said Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski, who was surrounded by the Sabres celebrities and students from Buffalo's Bennett Park Montessori School. "The New Year brings many, many wonderful opportunities and resolutions - why not make one of yours to exercise your mind and read more?" said Jakubowski.

Now through March 15, readers of all ages can participate in the Winter Reading contests by reading age-appropriate books and then logging a short book review on the Library System website (www.BuffaloLib.org). The more books you read, the greater the odds you will win a prize. There will be one winner randomly selected at each Buffalo & Erie County Public Library in categories for Children/Teen and Adults. One lucky adult will win a Kindle Fire DX eReader. Classrooms are also encouraged to participate. Additionally, upon online registration, each contestant will identify their local library and be eligible to win one of 37 branch level prizes including a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Direct from his Sabres hockey practice, 23-year-old Cody Hodgson took a break from his busy schedule to slide over to the downtown Central Library to read to about 60 students in second through fourth grades. Hodgson, who wears the number 19 jersey, told the fans that "reading, like practicing or playing any sport, makes you feel good and helps you to become a better person."

The Library also announced details about "***Take Your Child to the Library Day***" on Saturday, February 1. Free family-friendly activities, crafts, movies and programs are planned. The 37-branch, free public Library System has more than three million items in its collection of books, periodicals, rare publications and documents, DVDs, CDs and e-content materials. For more information on Winter Reading, visit: <http://bit.ly/1d2aphl> or go to the Library System website at: www.BuffaloLib.org or 716-858-8900.

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