

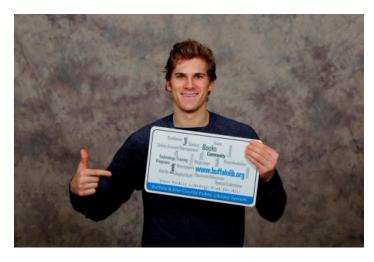


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Today, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, Buffalo Sabres Left Wing Marcus Foligno, Sabretooth and the Library's owl mascot Reada Book announced plans for the 4th annual **Winter Reading Challenge** – **Do Re Me Read**.

"If you've already had enough of the cold weather this winter, why not take our Winter Reading Challenge? It is easy, fun and free!" said Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski, who was joined by the Sabres celebrities and students from Buffalo's Bennett Park Montessori School. "Reading is good for you. It is the exercise needed for a healthy and creative mind," said Jakubowski.

Now through March 20, readers of all ages can stay warm and work out their minds by reading age-appropriate books and then logging a short book review on the Library System website (www.BuffaloLib.org). The more books one reads, the greater the odds of winning a prize. There will be one winner randomly selected at each of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries in categories for Children/Teens, Classrooms and Adults. One lucky adult will score a Kindle Fire HDX eReader. Additionally, upon online registration, each contestant is eligible to win one of the 37 branch-level prizes including a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Wearing his number 82 jersey, Marcus Foligno, now in his fourth season with the Sabres, took a break from his hockey schedule to slide over to the downtown Central Library where he read the classic children's story *Curious George at the Parade* to Bennett Park students in the second through fourth grades. "When I want to discover new and exciting things, I take off the ice skates, grab a book and read away! The more I read, the more I learn about the amazing world around us," said Foligno.

The Library also announced plans for "*Take Your Child to the Library Day*" on Saturday, February 7. Curious George will be on hand at the Central Library for the free family-friendly activities presented with support from the Buffalo Museum of Science and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. For more information on library programming and Winter Reading, visit: http://tinyurl.com/kooytco, go to the Library System website at: www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900.

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