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A to Z Come Read with Me! Library System Announces Winter Reading 2020
Library programs & contests designed to keep you warm all winter long!
Take Your Child to the Library Day is this Saturday, February 1.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries invite everyone to participate in this year's Winter Reading initiative – ***A to Z Come Read with Me!*** The 37 libraries and *Library on Wheels* bookmobile have dozens of free Winter Reading-themed family programs scheduled through March 13 including performances, book clubs, costume parties, crafts and more, designed to encourage reading, discovery and fun!

"During these cold winter months, readers of all ages will feel warm and cozy when they grab a book from their local public library," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "We encourage children, teens, adults and classrooms to participate in the annual **Winter Reading Challenge**. All you have to do is read an age-appropriate book and submit a short book review online at: <http://becpl.ny08.readsquared.com/>."

The more books one reads, the greater the odds of winning. One grand prize winner will be selected to win an Amazon Fire 10 HD eReader tablet. Other prizes include library tote bags filled with goodies and the book *Buffalo From A to Z, Come Take A Tour With Me* by local authors Brigette Atlas-Callahan and Kristin Madej Warham. The book is illustrated by Bill Jankowski, who also designed the library's adorable Bob Uffalo Winter Reading logo.

Families will also enjoy "***Take Your Child to the Library Day***" at libraries system-wide this **Saturday, February 1**. A variety of fun programs are planned including scavenger hunts, therapy dog visits, superhero train adventures, crafts, storytimes, movies and beach parties. Members of the Buffalo Beauts, Buffalo's National Women's Hockey League team, will be at the downtown Central Library from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and Erie Canal programming is scheduled for the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr., Dudley and Leroy R. Coles, Jr. branch libraries. Children can meet beloved storybook characters Elephant and Piggie at the Kenmore Library from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. View the *Take Your Child to the Library Day* schedule at: <https://tinyurl.com/TYCLD2020>.

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