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TRENTON - Zach Parise isn't just the Devils' leading scorer - he's also one of New Jersey's biggest bookworms.

On Tuesday, he visited the state library in Trenton and read aloud to young students as part of the New Jersey Library Champion program, which promotes the importance of reading to students.

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Parise's an avid reader who lists James Patterson among his favorite authors. A 30-foot Parise banner has adorned the Trenton library since early this year.

"I think it's important to stay with reading," Parise said. "I think it's the best way to learn different things, and it's really important from an academic standpoint."

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Also in attendance was New Jersey First Lady Mary Pat Christie, who received her very own jersey from Devils' Chairman and Managing Partner Jeff Vanderbeek. She presented Parise with a letter from New Jersey Governor Chris Christie encouraging him to keep spreading the word about the importance of reading.

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