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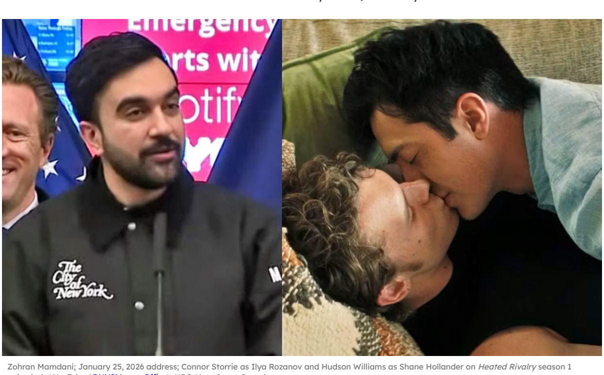

Zohran Mamdani; January 25, 2026 address; Connor Storrie as Ilya Rozanov and Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander on *Heated Rivalry* season 1 episode 6./ YouTube (@NYCMayorsOffice); HBO Max; Crave Canada

By Bernardo Sim
Jan 25, 2026

Turn up the heat.

While urging New Yorkers to stay safely at home during this massive snow storm today, Mayor Zohran Mamdani recommended taking this time to get into *Heated Rivalry*. Kudos for spilling, honestly!

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"I can think of no better excuse for New Yorkers to stay home," Mamdani said. "Take a long nap, or take advantage of our public library's offer of free access to *Heated Rivalry*."

Besides being a great suggestion, it is also a hilarious remark coming from a mayor. Understandably, this made everyone laugh, which you can watch people. (Special shout-out to this man with the best reaction, who was shown in a separate clip in the replies section.)

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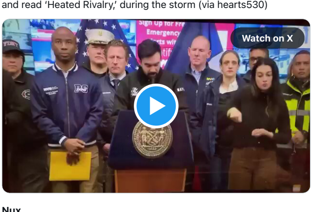
NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani advises New Yorkers to stay home and read 'Heated Rivalry,' during the storm (via hearts530)



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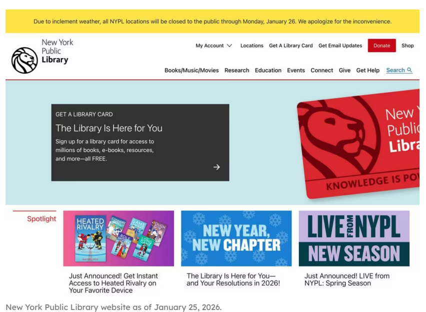
New York Public Library joined in on Mamdani's enthusiastic recommendation by prominently featuring Rachel Reid's six *Game Changers* novels on its homepage as of this writing.



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Mayor Mamdani's full speech can be watched below.

The Libby app is available on the App Store (for iOS) and Google Play Store (for Android). *Heated Rivalry* is streaming on HBO Max.

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Hudson Williams taped a message for hockey player Jesse Kortuem, who was inspired by Heated Rivalry to come out./ Kevork Djansezian/CBS ©2026; courtesy Jesse Kortuem

Hockey player Jesse Kortuem broke the internet earlier this month after he came out as gay and cited Heated Rivalry as the inspiration to do so. On Wednesday, The Drew Barrymore Show's social media pages shared a clip from an upcoming episode featuring the hockey player reacting to a video message from Hudson Williams, one of the show's stars, thanking him for his courage. Keep Reading →

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Connor Storrie, Hudson Williams at the 83rd Annual Golden Globes/ Rich Polk/2026GG/Penske Media via Getty Images

Heated Rivalry stars Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie have officially been announced as two of the torchbearers who will carry the Olympic flame for the upcoming Milan Winter Olympics. Keep Reading →

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Mandy Mango on *RuPaul's Drag Race* season 18 episode 3./ MTV

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Bad Bunny in new promo video for his headlining performance at the 2026 Super Bowl Halftime Show. / Instagram (@badbunnypr)

Bad Bunny has shared a new Super Bowl Halftime Show promo in which the reggaetonero and global pop star is seen having a ball to the tune of "BAILE INOLVIDABLE" (off his sixth studio album Debí Tirar Más Fotos), dancing salsa with men, women, people of all ages, and coming from all over the world — expressing the plurality of his work and underscoring how welcoming he's been to cultural and personal differences. Keep Reading →

NHL commissioner says that he 'binged' Heated Rivalry in one night

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NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman/ Andy Devlin/NHLI via Getty Images

The commissioner of the National Hockey League (NHL), Gary Bettman, recently shared his admiration for the show on everyone's mind, Heated Rivalry. The show follows a hockey romance between two bitter foes, Shane Hollander (Hudson Williams) and Ilya Rozanov (Connor Storrie). Speaking with The Hockey News, the top honcho at the NHL told the publication that he loved the show and binged it in one night. Keep Reading →

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