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Author Toni Mirosevich to discuss her book *Spell Heaven* at Everett Public Library

EVERETT, WA – In *Spell Heaven*, a linked story collection, a lesbian couple moves to a coast town and unexpectedly finds a sense of belonging with a group of outsiders. Join author Toni Mirosevich for “Whatever You Catch Brings You Joy: A Reading from *Spell Heaven*” on Saturday, June 18 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium at 2702 Hoyt Ave.

Mirosevich’s stories include tales of an undocumented boy’s drowning when a wave pulls him out to sea, an ex-FBI agent’s surveillance of a man who leaves chocolate bars at a tree in a weekly ritual, a mother on meth who teaches a lesson on mercy, and Kite Man, who flies kites from a fishing pole and sells drugs on the side. His motto: When the kites fly, you can buy.

The narrator of these stories, raised in a working-class Croatian American fishing family and immigrant community, chooses an early career in labor-oriented jobs. Years later, she finds herself in an academic position in a white-collar world “where the clothes are clean, but the politics are dirty.” She questions her own stereotypes about her neighbors and gradually begins to question her life path. *Spell Heaven* celebrates those who are looking for a human connection in an increasingly isolated world.

Toni Mirosevich was raised in a Croatian American fishing family in Everett, Washington. She is the author of a book of nonfiction stories, *Pink Harvest*, and five books of poetry and the winner of the First Series Award for Creative Nonfiction. A professor of creative writing at San Francisco State University for many years, she currently resides with her wife in Pacifica, California.

This program is free and open to the public. Call 425-257-8000 or visit epls.org/events for more information about this or other library programs.

The Everett Public Library was founded in 1894 by the Everett Woman's Book Club. The historic Main Library was built in 1934 by architect Carl Gould, and the Evergreen Branch opened in 1985. The library's two branches serve the residents of the City of Everett and nearby locales, circulating over 400,000 items per year and hosting hundreds of programs for children and adults. We connect the community to resources and services that inform, educate, and entertain. For more information about the Everett Public Library, visit www.epls.org.

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