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## Everett Public Library welcomes Kwame Onwuachi, James Beard Award-winning chef

Former Top Chef competitor to speak about his book, “Notes from a Young Black Chef”

EVERETT, WA – Kwame Onwuachi, a young star in the food world, will speak about his debut memoir, “Notes from a Young Black Chef,” on [Friday, February 24, at 7 p.m.](#) at the Everett Performing Arts Center, 2710 Wetmore Ave. Onwuachi’s talk will include a cooking demonstration.

This event is free, and tickets are not required. Artisans PNW will have copies of the book for purchase at the event, and Onwuachi will be available for book signing after his presentation.

Food for thought

ONE EVERETT ONE BOOK

**KWAME ONWUACHI**  
James Beard Award-winning chef and Top Chef contestant & judge

Keynote presentation and cooking demonstration, book signing with books available for purchase

Fri, Feb 24 | 7:00 PM  
Everett Performing Arts Center  
2710 Wetmore Ave

For more information on Kwame, please visit [prhspeakers.com](http://prhspeakers.com)

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[Kwame Onwuachi](#) brings a string of accolades with him: Forbes and Zagat 30 Under 30 honoree, Top Chef competitor and James Beard Award winner. At 33, the chef now has five restaurants

under his belt, including the recently opened [Tatiana](#) at New York's Lincoln Center. Onwuachi started his career as a chef in the galley of an oil cleanup ship, eventually graduating from the Culinary Institute of America. After the opening of his restaurant Kith/Kin, Onwuachi was named one of America's best new chefs by Food & Wine magazine.

The musician Questlove says, "Kwame Onwuachi's story shines a light on food and culture not just in American restaurants or African American communities but around the world."

In his memoir, "Notes from a Young Black Chef," Onwuachi shares the story of his rise to culinary stardom, from his roots in the Bronx and rural Nigeria to the launch of his first restaurant. Through it all, his love of food and cooking remains a constant, even when Onwuachi is forced to grapple with how unwelcoming the food world can be for people of color. The memoir was adapted for younger readers and is currently being adapted into a feature film starring Lakeith Stanfield.

His cookbook, "My America," features more than 125 recipes that showcase the diversity of American food and highlight Onwuachi's heritage, with influences spanning Nigeria to the Caribbean, the South to the Bronx and beyond.

One Everett One Book is a community-wide reading initiative designed to deepen an appreciation of reading and unite the Everett community through conversation. Community members are encouraged to read Onwuachi's memoir and cookbook and try his recipes at home; copies of both titles are available to check out, and a limited number of giveaway copies of "Notes from a Young Black Chef" are available at both library locations.

The library is presenting a variety of related programs under the theme "Food for Thought," including a [spice club](#), a [youth writing program](#), and a [community cookbook](#). Find more information about One Everett One Book: Food for Thought at [epls.org/OneBook](https://www.epls.org/OneBook).

This program and all other library events are free and open to the public. Call 425-257-8000 or visit [www.epls.org/events](https://www.epls.org/events) for more information about these or other library programs. For more information on Kwame Onwuachi, please visit [www.prhspeakers.com](https://www.prhspeakers.com).

**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 and host hundreds of programs for children and adults each year. 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](https://www.epls.org).

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