



# SAFESTREETS

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## “Beautiful Boy” author David Sheff appearance Feb. 10 at Everett Performing Arts Center

EVERETT – The Everett Public Library is happy to announce that *Beautiful Boy: A Father’s Journey Through His Son’s Addiction* by best-selling author David Sheff is the featured title selected for the [2017 Everett Reads: Beyond the Streets](#) community reading program. Readers are encouraged to pick up a copy of the book from [our digital library](#) or either branch location and join us for the author’s visit to the Everett Performing Arts Center, 2710 Wetmore Ave, Everett, at 7 p.m. Friday, February 10. This year’s program is supported in part through a partnership with the City of Everett’s Safe Streets initiative.

Before Nic Sheff became addicted to crystal meth, he was a charming boy, joyous and funny, a varsity athlete and honor student adored by his two younger siblings. After meth, he was a trembling wraith who lied, stole and lived on the streets. *Beautiful Boy* is a fiercely candid memoir told by Nic’s father and his haunting journey through his son’s addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery.

In a [January interview with The Everett Herald](#), Eileen Simmons, Everett Public Library director, said extending the scope of Everett Reads! grew from the city’s [Community Streets Initiative](#). Beyond the Streets programs will examine addiction, homelessness and mental health. These were planned after discussions with city officials, including Hil Kaman, Everett’s director of public health and safety, Simmons said.

“We were looking for authors who had books tied in with why people end up on the street,” Simmons said.

Anyone can [join](#) the Everett Public Library if they live, work or own property in Snohomish, Island, or King Counties. Sheff’s appearance is free and open to the public; seats are first-come, first-served. To see a [full schedule of the Everett Reads series](#) and other library programs, visit the [EPLS website](#). Learn more about the [Community Streets Initiative](#) or the [Everett Safe Streets Plan](#).

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