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Library Welcomes Author William Kowalski

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library (ECPL) is pleased to welcome former Erie resident William Kowalski, New York Times bestselling author, for an evening reading and signing of his new work, “The Best Polish Restaurant in Buffalo.” This free event will take place on Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Blasco Memorial Library.

Kowalski's 14th novel, “The Best Polish Restaurant in Buffalo,” is a blend of historical and contemporary fiction that follows the journey of Aniela, a 16-year-old girl from a tiny village in Poland, as she immigrates to America in 1908 and settles in the heavily Polish Buffalo neighborhood of Black Rock. Over the course of the next century, Aniela's descendants take root and become part of the fabric of America. In the present day, her great-grandson, Iggy, struggles to save the restaurant that has nourished four generations of his family, and which is about to go out of business.

Kowalski is the author of the international best-sellers “Eddie’s Bastard” and “Somewhere South of Here.” He has won the 2001 Ama-Boeke Prize and the 2014 Thomas H. Raddall Award, and he has been nominated four times for the Ontario Library Association’s Golden Oak Award. His work has been translated into 15 languages.

Kowalski is a 1984 graduate of Erie Day School and a 1988 graduate of McDowell High School. He also graduated from the Mercyhurst College Summer Writers' Institute in 1988.

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