



2026 Lecture Series

History of South Florida through the Eyes of An Original Pioneer Descendant

Please join us for our first lecture of the season! Historian and Best-Selling author Harvey Oyer, whose great-great grandparents were the original pioneer settlers of Hypoluxo Island in the 1870's, will share a sweeping and entertaining history of our region with personal anecdotes about the people and events that shaped South Florida.

Harvey E. Oyer, III is a partner in the law firm of Shutts & Bowen. He is proud to be a fifth generation native Floridian and served for seven years as the Chairman of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Cox Science Center and the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden.



Oyer is a noted writer and lecturer on topics ranging from law, history, and archaeology to international laws regarding antiquities trafficking and cultural property protection. He holds degrees in Economics, Archaeology, and Law, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and was a Rotary Foundation Scholar at the Australian National University. Oyer holds a Masters degree in Archaeology from Cambridge University and worked in various parts of the world as an underwater archaeologist. He is a member of the Explorers Club, has skied to the North Pole, lived with cannibals in Papua New Guinea, and canoed 120 miles across the Florida Everglades from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean. He served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He is also the author of a best-selling, award-winning children's book series that is widely used in schools throughout Florida.

When: **Thursday, February 19th from 5 PM to 7 PM**

Where: **J. Turner Moore Memorial Library | 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan FL**

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Please note, these programs are open to library members and their guests.