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Learn About Florida History: Patrick Smith's A Land Remembered

The libraries and friends groups of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative will present *Patrick Smith's A Land Remembered: The Multimedia Tour*, on Saturday, November 23rd at 2 p.m. This free *Viva Florida 500* event will be held in the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium on Miracle Strip Pkwy.

A Land Remembered author Patrick Smith has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and has traveled the world bringing to life "the real Florida" as it was in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The multimedia program, developed by the author's son, Rick Smith, highlights in words and pictures the history of Florida as depicted in the famous novel, *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

A Land Remembered was winner of the Florida Historical Society Tebeau Prize as the Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel. In 2009 it was voted Best Florida Book for the 9th year in a row by readers of Florida Monthly Magazine.

Student editions of *A Land Remembered* are available for young readers and for use in the schools. Copies are available from local libraries.

Joe Wisdom, an English professor at Gulf Coast University, said *A Land Remembered* "should be handed out with orange juice at welcome stations to anyone who crosses the state line."

Presenter Rick Smith is an award-winning media producer and his father's biggest fan. His passion for his subject is clearly evident in this lovingly produced program. Come and enjoy an unforgettable journey into a Florida that once was, is no more, and never again will be.

For more information, please contact the Fort Walton Beach Library at 833-9590. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited to the first 400 attendees.

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