



CALLING ALL MUGGLES, WITCHES AND WIZARDS-IN-TRAINING!

**FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS EXCLUSIVE
“HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT: FANTASTIC BEASTS” FEATURING
BUTTERBEER MIXOLOGY, A MAGIZOOLOGIST SCAVENGER HUNT,
POTION CLASS AND MORE ON FEBRUARY 1**

#HarryPotterBookNight #FTLHistory

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (January 15, 2018) – Calling all muggles, witches and wizards-in- training! You are hereby summoned to attend the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society’s “Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts” on Thursday, February 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.! Join thousands of Harry Potter fans from all around the world in this fourth annual celebration of the global paperback edition release of the new *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling (Bloomsbury Children's Books).

“The Fort Lauderdale Historical Society is thrilled to be the exclusive South Florida presenter of ‘Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts,’” said Patricia Zeiler, executive director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. “The setting of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* takes place in the 1920s – coinciding with the flourishing of Fort Lauderdale as a city. As proud stewards of our community’s past, we saw this as a great way to make our heritage accessible and engaging to residents and visitors while sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling’s unforgettable stories and introducing a new generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter.”

The fun begins at the 1905 New River Inn housing the History Museum of Fort Lauderdale ([231 SW Second Avenue](#)) where guests will sign-in and gather to visit the Sorting Hat and discover to which Hogwarts house they owe allegiance - Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin.

Visitors will enjoy scrumptious themed refreshments and snacks including a butterbeer mixology introduction and then take part in a scavenger hunt for fantastic beasts guaranteed to make every visitor a certified Magizooologist.

Small groups will embark on an exclusive tour of the enchantingly bedecked historical attraction featuring the Potter-esque 1907 King Cromartie House Museum with its fully furnished turn-of-the-century charm, period children’s toys and even the “room under the stairs.” In the 1899 Replica Ivy Cromartie Schoolhouse, children will reside at period wooden desks while they view an entrancing demonstration of Severus Snape’s potion creation class. A Quidditch match will also take place on the lawn.

“We promise a night of wizarding fun and the chance to discover and share the magical world of Harry Potter. Please leave your broomsticks at the door and keep your wands at the ready,” added Zeiler.

“Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts” is sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers and the Broward County Cultural Division with support from the local Harry Potter Alumni Club.

Tickets for “Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts” (which includes Fort Lauderdale Historical Society museum admission) are Hogwarts students (children ages six and up) \$10; Hogwarts (and museum) members \$20; Hogwarts aficionados (adult non-members) \$25 and Grand Sorcerers (adults) \$100 which includes a VIP

package with a Barnes & Noble voucher for a complimentary reserved copy of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling (Bloomsbury Children's Books), the Hogwarts Library Book Stunning new paperback edition of this essential companion to the Harry Potter novels, with the fully updated 2017 text, featuring a gorgeous foil effect jacket. Children under age six are free. (Prices do not include online handling fees). Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harry-potter-20th-anniversary-and-book-night-tickets-41537887941>.

For more information about the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society's "Harry Potter Book Night: Fantastic Beasts," please call [\(954\) 463-4431](tel:954-463-4431) or visit us online at www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org and follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ftlhistory](https://www.facebook.com/ftlhistory) on Instagram [@ftlhistory](https://www.instagram.com/ftlhistory) and on Twitter [@FLLhistory](https://twitter.com/FLLhistory).

About the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (FLHS)

For 56 years, the [Fort Lauderdale Historical Society \(FLHS\)](http://www.fortlauderdalehistoricalsociety.org) has brought the stories of our diverse community to life through engaging educational experiences, innovative cultural exhibits, research and preservation of artifacts. Residents and visitors to Fort Lauderdale are invited to explore the city's rich past that is housed in five historic buildings on a lushly landscaped campus - the 1907 King Cromartie House Museum, the History Museum of Fort Lauderdale situated in the 1905 New River Inn, the 1905 Philemon Nathaniel Bryan House, the 1899 Replica Ivy Cromartie Schoolhouse and the Hoch Research Library, South Florida's foremost history center housing print resources and newspapers from 1910-present plus 400,000 archival photos, 2,500 maps and 5,000 architectural blueprints. The FLHS is located at [219 Southwest Second Avenue](https://www.google.com/maps/place/219+Southwest+Second+Avenue,+Fort+Lauderdale,+FL) in Fort Lauderdale. Museum hours are Monday – Friday from noon – 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$7 for students (through age 22 with a valid student ID). Admission is free for members, military and children ages six and under. Group tours are available by request. The FLHS is a nonprofit agency supported by memberships, grants and charitable contributions. Click [here](#) to donate.