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**Village of Florida's Robert Milby named Orange County's 2017-19 Poet Laureate**

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Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun recently announced at the West Point Cadet Library that Village of Florida resident Robert Milby has been named Orange County's Poet Laureate for 2017-19.

As Poet Laureate, Milby's duties will include creating pieces of literature in poetic forms to commemorate Orange County events, its people and places.

"It is fitting to honor a contemporary poet such as Robert Milby here at West Point under the famed Poe Arch," Yaun said. "Orange County has a diverse population who all contribute to the fabric of our county. We believe Mr. Milby will represent our community well and give voice to it through his poetry."

Milby, 47, is the author of five poetry books and has hosted events throughout the County since 1995. He began writing poetry in 1987 as a student at James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls. Milby hosts poetry series at the Mudd Puddle Café in New Paltz, Florida Public Library and Noble Coffee Roasters in Campbell Hall. His website is [www.robertmilby.com](http://www.robertmilby.com).

"I'm extremely honored to earn this recognition," Milby said. "I will use this position to bring poetry to a variety of audiences in Orange County."



Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun and Orange County's Poet Laureate for 2017-19, Robert Milby of the Village of Florida.