

About Archives Awareness Week

Recognizing the need to document and preserve the development and unique heritage of Tampa and its government, the City of Tampa Archives was founded in 1987.

Archives Awareness Week was established in 1992 by the City of Tampa Archives Advisory Committee. During this week, local archives come together to present their collections through exhibits and programs that convey the value of archives in the identification, preservation and conservation of historic records.

Archives and Records is a division of the City Clerk's Office.

Exhibits

Admission fees apply to view museum exhibits.

Dressed for Success: Fashioning Manhood at the Tampa Bay Hotel

Henry B. Plant Museum • 401 West Kennedy Boulevard

Invisible Immigrants: Spaniards in the U.S. (1868-1945)

Tampa Bay History Center • 801 Water Street

Tampa in 1925

Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
1505 N. Nebraska Avenue
City of Tampa Community Case



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With Special Thanks to Our Archives Awareness Week Partners:



Latina Legacies: Brunch, Book, and Film Premiere with Dr. Sarah McNamara

Saturday, July 19th • 11:00 a.m.

Centro Asturiano de Tampa • 1913 N. Nebraska Avenue

Join the Centro Asturiano for free brunch and mimosas as Dr. Sarah McNamara discusses *Ybor City: Crucible of the Latina South* with Manny Leto, executive director of Preserve the 'Burg. The event will premiere a short film on the history of the 1937 Antifascist March and highlight the importance of preserving the stories of the Latinas who shaped Ybor City. Book signing and author meet and greet to follow event.

RSVP Requested: <https://shorturl.at/MEQ4B>

Colonial Florida: Exploring History and Language Through Maps

Saturday, July 19th • 3:00 p.m.

John F. Germany Library • 900 N. Ashley Drive

Learn how to read the historical maps in the library's collection and the abbreviations that are written on them. This lecture will help you delve into cartography and Florida's history.



Mayor Jane Castor



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Programs

All programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

Manhood at Work in 1925

Sunday, July 13th • 1:00 p.m.
Henry B. Plant Museum
401 W. Kennedy Boulevard

Who would the curators of the Henry B. Plant Museum choose as the Tampa Bay Hotel's "employee of the year" for 1925? Join us for an entertaining and illuminating look at the possibilities and pitfalls of using archival records to trace the staff of a seasonal resort hotel. The conversation will be followed by a guided tour of the special exhibit *Dressed for Success: Fashioning Manhood at the Tampa Bay Hotel*.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sunday, July 13th • 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church • 509 N. Florida Avenue

Please join the docents of the Sacred Heart Historical Society as they give you a verbal history and tour of the oldest Catholic church on Florida's West Coast. Learn about the oldest, continually operational parish in central Florida, which dates to the pioneer days of Tampa. Then how in 1888, its congregation survived the tragic loss of three priests due to yellow fever. They then built one of the oldest structures in downtown Tampa. Also, learn about the architect who designed the church but never set foot in the building. Plus much more!

Happy Birthday, Tampa!

Monday, July 14th • 3:00 p.m.
City of Tampa • 315 E. Kennedy Boulevard
3rd Floor, City Council Chambers

Join us to celebrate the life of Frances Henriquez, who was the first woman elected as Tampa's City Clerk. Learn more about pivotal events in Tampa 100 years ago from Fred Hearn, Curator of Black History at the Tampa Bay History Center. Following the program, birthday cake will be served. Guests will receive a commemorative booklet, *100 Years Ago: Tampa in 1925*.

Restoration of the Sanchez y Haya Building

Tuesday, July 15th • 11:00 a.m.
J.C. Newman Company • 2701 N. 16th Street

The Newman family is working to restore the 115-year-old Sanchez y Haya building across the street from its El Reloj cigar factory. Join company historian Holden Rasmussen and fourth-generation owner Drew Newman to learn about the building's history and restoration plans followed by a guided tour of the restoration project.

Preserving Tampa's Black History: Boots on the Ground Campaign

Tuesday, July 15th • 6:00 p.m.
Tampa's Black History Museum • 1213 N. Central Avenue

Join us to kick off the "Boots on the Ground for Our History" campaign! Celebrate Tampa's birthday and learn how your personal artifacts can become part of preserving Tampa's Black heritage, with insights from Tampa Bay History Center staff.

Lynn Ash: Story of Tampa

Wednesday, July 16th • 10:00 a.m.
City Center at Hanna Avenue • 2555 E. Hanna Avenue
H.R. Training Room

Learn more about the *Story of Tampa* painting during this special discussion with its creator, local artist Lynn Ash. Guests will receive a complimentary Story of Tampa poster.

100 Years of Booker T. Washington School

Wednesday, July 16th • 5:30 p.m.
Tampa's Black History Museum • 1213 N. Central Avenue

Celebrate 100 years of Booker T. Washington School's legacy with Fred Hearn, curator of Black History at Tampa Bay History Center, and Ashley Morrow, program manager of Tampa's Black History Museum.

Archiving Class with Tampa Museum of Art

Thursday, July 17th • 11:00 a.m.
Robert W. Saunders Sr. Library
1505 N. Nebraska Avenue

This archiving class helps you build a professional portfolio of your work to preserve and share for years to come! Recommended for Adults. Registration recommended.

Building Community Partnerships with the Progress Village Collection

Thursday, July 17th • 2:00 p.m.
USF Libraries • 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, 1st Floor, 125G

The USF Libraries' Digital Initiatives unit digitized the Progress Village collection. In collaboration with USF's Planner-in-Residence Amber Dickerson and a MURP studio class, the archives are coming to life through exhibits and interactive online collections that includes images, records, oral histories, and maps of this historic Tampa community. Come to learn about the launch of this exciting project and future plans.

Archives of America's Favorite Airport

Thursday, July 17th • 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tampa International Airport • 4100 George J. Bean Pkwy
TPA Main Terminal Event Space (Level 3)

Delve into the fascinating story of air travel in our region and discover the groundbreaking innovations that have shaped our airport. The TPA Archives collection features historical artifacts, including original artist concept drawings for Tampa International Airport's current terminal, as well as archival film showcasing the airport's early days. You can also view stunning photographs that document the legacy of Peter O. Knight Airport, Drew Field, and the terminals that served passengers before 1971 along with airlines of the past.

Soulwalk Historical Marker Dedication

Friday, July 18th • 11:00 a.m.
City Center at Hanna Avenue • 2555 E. Hanna Avenue
Community Room

Join community leaders and members of the Hillsborough County Historical Advisory Council to unveil new historical makers for Marti-Colon Cemetery, St. Joseph Aid Cemetery/Montana City Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery.

Invisible Immigrants: Exclusive Exhibit Tour

Friday, July 18th • 2:00 p.m.
Tampa Bay History Center • 801 Water Street

Take an exclusive guided tour of *Invisible Immigrants: Spaniards in the U.S. (1868-1945)* with curator Michelle Hearn. This special exhibit debuted in the U.S. at the Tampa Bay History Center. Admission is free with online registration, and it is limited to 25 guests.

Programs continued on back.



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