

Historians of all Ages pages

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Good Reads

For younger readers

Maggie & Max at the Museum 2007 Florida Trust Award Winner by Robin Gonzalez
If Our Hotel Could Talk 2005 Florida Trust Award Winner by Robin Gonzalez
Through the Keyhole: A Young Person's Guide to the Henry B. Plant Museum by Marcia White
The Two Henrys by Sandra Wallus Sammons

For readers of all ages

Gilded Age Lifestyle

A Season of Splendor by Greg King
Devil in the White City
The Architecture of Leisure by Susan R. Braden

Plant System, Railroads, Steamships, Tampa Bay Hotel

A Journey into Florida Railroad History by Gregg M. Turner
Henry Plant Pioneer Empire Builder by Kelly Reynolds
Jean Stallings Educational Series "A Late Victorian Romp"
Jean Stallings Educational Series "An Elegant Frontier"
Jean Stallings Educational Series "Bells and Whistles"
Jean Stallings Educational Series "Henry Bradley Plant The Nineteenth Century "King of Florida"
Moments in Time by The Henry B. Plant Museum
Steamships of the Two Henrys by Edward A. Mueller
The Plant System of Railroads Steamships and Hotels by Gregg M. Turner and Seth H. Bramson

Spanish-American War

Florida in the Spanish-American War by Joe Knetsch & Nick Wynn
The Splendid Little War by Frank Freidel

Speakers Bureau

Whether you're looking for an interesting program for your group or organization or are unable to visit the Museum, the Henry Plant Museum's Speakers Bureau will bring to you the unique history of the Tampa Bay Hotel and its visionary builder Henry Plant.

PowerPoint presentations by a Museum Curator are approximately 45 minutes long and include a question and answer session. The timeframe can be adapted to fit your group's specific needs. Presentation topics can include Henry Plant; the Plant System of Railroads, Steamships and Hotels and their impact on Tampa's development; the Spanish-American War; the Tampa Bay Hotel; and Gilded Age lifestyle.

The Speakers Bureau is part of the Museum's *Community Connection Series*. There is no charge for this community service.

To request a presentation or for more information, please contact Heather Trubee Brown at 813.258.7304 or htrubee@ut.edu.

Tours – self guided or docent-led

Self-guided tours begin with our 14-minute introductory video "The Tampa Bay Hotel: Florida's First Magic Kingdom". Your tour continues with a brochure, a hand-held audio wand and signs in each room of the Museum. Brochures are available in French, Spanish, German, Japanese, and large print. You will want to experience our hand-held audio tour. The 45-minute production offers a deeper understanding of the history of the Tampa Bay Hotel, while transporting you to a time and place of yesteryear. It is complimentary with Museum admission. A print version is available for those who are hard of hearing.

Docent-led tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm (September – November and January-May). No reservations required but you must be in the Museum lobby by 1:00 pm.

Docent-led tours for adult groups of 10 or more can be scheduled with at least two week's advance notice. Group rates are \$8 per person. Please call Lindsay Huban at 813.258.7302 or email lhuban@ut.edu to make your group reservation.

Docent-led tours are also available for youth groups, homeschoolers, summer camp and afterschool programs, scouts, and college classes of 10 or more. Call Heather Trubee Brown at 813.258.7304 or email htrubee@ut.edu to schedule your visit.

Scheduled docent-led tours are available January – November.