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Tampa Bay History Center's Group Features Award-winning Journalist's Book

(Tampa, FL) - The Tampa Bay History Center will be hosting its monthly Book Group featuring *Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories About Real Florida* by Jeff Klinkenberg on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Jon Wilson of the Florida Humanities Council will serve as moderator for the discussion. Jon is retired from the *St. Petersburg Times* and has authored several books including *St. Petersburg's Historic African American Neighborhoods*, *St. Petersburg's Historic 22nd Street South* and *Bridger's Run*.

Jeff Klinkenberg is a *St. Petersburg Times* staffer who writes about Florida nature and culture. The first writer-in-residence for the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida, he is also the author of *Seasons of Real Florida*. Klinkenberg is the only two-time winner of the Paul Hansell Distinguished Journalism Award, the highest honor in state journalism. In addition, his articles and stories have been nominated seven times for Pulitzer Prizes.

Book Group members are entitled to a 20% discount on book club selections at the Tampa Bay History Center Museum Store. Participants are asked to RSVP by calling 813.675.8981.

About the Tampa Bay History Center

The new 60,000-square-foot Tampa Bay History Center in Tampa's bustling Channelside District takes an illuminating walk through 12,000 years of powerful stories. The Center features the first native inhabitants, Spanish conquistadors, pioneers, sports legends, a 1920s-era cigar store, interactive maps, and exhibits that feature a rich ethnic heritage and adventurous spirit that has inspired generations. The four-floor Center boasts a visually captivating atrium, a theater, map center, library, event hall, museum store and the Columbia Café.

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