



# Press Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **LIBRARY BOARD DEDICATES READING ROOM**

**Tampa, FL** – The Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Board members will dedicate the James G. Yeats Meeting Room on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 3:00 pm at the Port Tampa City Branch Library, 4902 W. Commerce St.

James Godfrey Yeats was born in Greenwood, Alabama. Mr. Yeats was educated in Florida public schools and became a “printer’s devil” at the age of 12. He married Charlotte Tyson on June 17, 1902 and lived on DeSoto Street in Port Tampa City with their five children: James, Clara, Donald, Sidney and Victor.

In July 1926 Yeats moved the First Bank of Port Tampa City to his newly constructed bank building. Seventy-two years later, June 14, 1998 that renovated structure was dedicated as the Port Tampa City Library. Mr. Yeats was a visionary and community advocate who knew that to make his dreams a reality he would need the support of key individuals, organizations and government officials. Mr. Yeats was a man who fulfilled his dreams and paved the way for Floridians to live their dreams.

Yeats served as Mayor of Port Tampa City, 1915-1921, Chairman, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, 1917-1921, Newspaper Publisher, *The Busy South*, 1989, President, First Bank of Port Tampa City, 1924-1933.

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