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Time aired: Tuesdays at 6:30 – 7 p.m. on WUSF 89.7 FM; Monday at 10 – 10:30 p.m. on WSMR 89.1 FM

[Finding the joy in Tampa Bay's arts and culture scene](#)

Jun 24, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we spoke with three WUSF reporters spotlighting arts and culture that's unique to Tampa Bay — like murals and death metal. (Art, history, music)

[Why romance fiction is booming and what keeps readers coming back for more](#)

Jun 17, 2025

Tampa Bay romance novelist Alicia Thompson and South Florida bookstore owner Melissa Saavedra share stories from the world of "Steamy Lit." (Literature, art, business)

[Why a handgun is being removed from law enforcement agencies in Tampa Bay](#)

Jun 3, 2025

"Florida Matters" speaks to a reporter about her investigation into the Sig Sauer P320's removal from agency arsenals across the country. Also, the Your Florida team provides a legislative update. (Law and order, politics)

[How Tampa Bay businesses are recovering from 2024 hurricanes, preparing for this year](#)

May 27, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we discuss hurricane recovery for Tampa Bay area businesses following the 2024 storms. We also look into how business owners can prepare and find relief this year. (Extreme weather, global warming, business, government)

[How people across the greater Tampa Bay region are rebuilding after 2024 hurricanes](#)

May 20, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we speak with WUSF reporters about what local governments are doing to prevent excessive flooding this year and how people are rebuilding ahead of the hurricane season. (Global warming, flooding, government, business)

[How community resilience can help with storm recovery](#)

May 13, 2025

Community leaders join "Florida Matters" to talk about how they helped with the recovery from the 2024 hurricane season. (Global warming, flooding, business, government)

[Preparing mentally for hurricane season while recovering from last year's storms](#)

May 6, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we speak with mental health professionals about what people can do to prepare mentally for hurricane season, especially if still dealing with the effects of last year's storms. (Mental health, business)

[A bridge and a bus: A look at transportation around Tampa Bay](#)

Apr 29, 2025

On this episode of "Florida Matters," we're taking you on a trip of all things transportation — from a bridge reopening to free bus routes and more. (Transportation, mass transit, planning, government)

[Fixing Tropicana Field and figuring out what's next for the Rays](#)

Apr 22, 2025

WUSF's Steve Newborn and Colleen Wright with the Tampa Bay Times discuss the latest twists and turns in the ongoing saga of Tropicana Field and the fate of the Rays. (Sports, government, history, planning, business)

[The gig economy and Uber's impact on Tampa Bay](#)

Apr 15, 2025

When Uber arrived in Tampa Bay 10 years ago, it was a game changer — disrupting the taxi industry and opening up the gig economy. (Transportation, business, history, jobs)

[We're halfway through Florida's 2025 legislative session. Time to catch up](#)

Apr 8, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we speak to the Your Florida team about what the Legislature has been up to over the past 30 days. From property taxes to school start times, we break it down. (Politics, government, health care, transportation, environment, education, economy)

[How special sports events coming to the Tampa Bay area impact the economy](#)

Apr 1, 2025

On "Florida Matters," we speak to area officials about luring happenings like the NCAA Women's Final Four and Firestone Grand Prix of St. Pete to Tampa and St. Petersburg. (Sports, business, government, economy)