



2305 Atlantic Avenue

Library-(609) 487-7403

Museum-(609) 823-1115

Library Hours: Monday 9-5, Tuesday 9-8,  
Wednesday-Saturday 9-5

Museum Hours: Friday, Saturday 10:00-  
1:00pm and by appointment

Sunday Hours (starting June 25 at both  
museum and library) and Monday evening  
hours (starting June 5).

Please check our website for updated  
hours: [longportpubliclibrary.org](http://longportpubliclibrary.org)

## A Resource for Everything

The library offers a variety of resources for you to borrow. We have digital newspapers including *The Press of Atlantic City*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *NY Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many more. We offer eBooks and digital audiobooks, streaming videos, language learning software, hotspots, Roku, museum passes, DVD players, as well digital magazines and music. Please call the library at (609) 487-7403 or check out our website for more information: [longportpubliclibrary.org](http://longportpubliclibrary.org).

We look forward to helping you!



## Longport Public Library & Museum Summer 2023

### Celebrate the Borough's 125th Anniversary at the Library

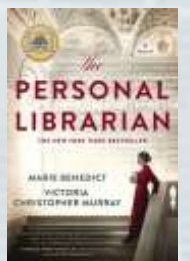
We have a variety of activities and events for the 125th Anniversary. Enjoy our art display at the Historical Museum, our lecture series, author events, cooking series, crafting events, and kids' programs. There's something for everyone at the library this summer.

Please give us a call to register for our events at (609) 487-7403.

### Featured Authors this Summer

Tuesday, July 11, at 6pm

Marie Benedict  
with Victoria Christopher Murray



Monday July 17 at 6:30pm  
(Rain Date July 18)

Lisa Scottoline



### 2023 Summer Reading Program

The 2023 Summer Reading Program kicks off on Saturday, June 24th. We will have themed kids' events every Saturday and family events throughout the week. The program is open to adults, teens, and kids. We'll award weekly prizes.

Please call the library at (609) 487-7403 for information on how to register.

# May 2023

| Sun | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu           | Fri  | Sat                                   |
|-----|--|--|---|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|     | 1. 10am Knitting                               | 2. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Bingo                       | 3. 9:30am Open Gaming<br>2:00pm Pinochle Tournament | 4. 12pm Yoga  | 5. 10am Museum Open<br>Movie: 80s for Brady        | 6. 10am Open                          |
| 7.  | 8. 10am Knitting                               | 9. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Tuesday Tasting             | 10. 9:30am Open Gaming<br>3:30pm Flower Arranging   | 11. 12pm Yoga | 12. 10am Museum Open<br>3:30pm Bingo               | 13. 10am Museum Open                  |
| 14. | 15. 10am Knitting<br>1pm Sandy Pages Book Club | 16. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Trivia                     | 17. 9:30am Open Gaming                              | 18. 12pm Yoga | 19. 10am Museum Open<br>2pm Library Craft: Spheres | 20. 10am Museum Exhibit Grand Opening |
| 21. | 22. 10am Knitting<br>3:30pm Library Bingo      | 23. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Book Talk with Ellen Cohen | 24. 9:30am Open Gaming                              | 25. 12pm Yoga | 26. 10am Museum Open<br>2pm Library Craft: Drawing | 27. 10am Museum Open                  |
| 28. | 29. Library Closed: Memorial Day               | 30. 6:30pm Concert                                   | 31. 9:30am-Open Gaming                              |               |  |                                       |

## Kids Programs

### Sunday Storytime and Craft

Every Sunday starting June 25th at 11am

### Thursday Morning Pokémon Club

Every Wednesday at 11am starting June 29

Trade cards, play games, talk anime

### Wednesday Morning Lego and Craft Club

Every Wednesday at 11am starting June 28

## Special Saturday Family Events

**6/24 at 11:00am Summer Reading Kickoff Party**

**7/01 Magic Show-10:30am**

**7/08 Science Show-10:30am**

**7/15 Cape May Zoo 10:30am**

**07/22-Reptile Show at 10:30am**

**7/29-Wetlands Institute at 10:30am**

**8/05-Puppet Show at 10:30am**

**8/12-Juggler Show at 10:30am**

**8/19-End of Summer Celebration Bonfire and Concert-6:30pm**

# June 2023

| Sun                                    | Mon   | Tue                                       | Wed  | Thu                                  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
|  |   |   |  | 1. 12pm Yoga                         | 2. 10am-Museum Open                                 | 3. 10am Museum Open<br>9AM YOGA                                 |
| 4.                                     | 5. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Bingo                                      | 6. 9:30am Yoga<br>1pm Seasonal Gathering  | 7. 9:30am Open Gaming                              | 8. 9:30am Yoga                       | 9. 10am History Lecture Series<br>2pm Library Movie | 10. 9AM YOGA<br>10AM Museum Open                                |
| 11.                                    | 12. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Bingo                                     | 13. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Tuesday Tasting | 14. 9:30am Open Gaming                             | 15. 9:30am Yoga                      | 16. 10am Museum Open<br>2pm Craft: Watercolors      | 17. 9AM YOGA<br>10AM Museum Art Exhibit Grand Opening           |
| 18.                                    | 19. 10am Knitting<br>1pm Sandy Pages Book Club<br>6:30pm Candy Making | 20. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Concert         | 21. 9:30am Open Gaming                             | 22. 9:30am Yoga                      | 23. 10am-Museum Open<br>3:30pm Bingo                | 24. 10am Museum Open<br>11am Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration |
| 25. 10am Museum Open<br>11am Storytime | 26. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Author                                    | 27. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Trivia          | 28. 9:30am Open Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft Club | 29. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am Pokémon Club | 30. 10am Museum Open                                |   |
| 31. 10:30am Storytime                  |   |   |  |                                      |   |   |

## Family Bingo

**Monday, May 22, 3:30pm**

**Monday, June (5, 12), at 6:30pm**

**Friday, June 23, at 3:30pm**

**Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30pm**

**Monday, August (7, 21, 28) at 6:30pm**



# Longport Historical Museum

## Museum Programs

### Longport Scavenger Hunt

Take a quick look around town and you might see a few signs with QR codes; scan the code with your phone and learn about Longport History! The scavenger hunt begins May 27 and ends on September 3.

### Porch Store

The Porch Store opens Saturday, May 20 from 10am-1pm.  
(Items may also be purchased during museum hours.)

### ...And So Much More

New Exhibit Grand Opening Saturday, May 20, from 10am-12pm

Art Project Grand Opening Saturday, June 17 from 10am-1pm

Friday Morning History Talks at 10am (In Borough Hall, light refreshments will be served)

June 9 (History of the Fire Department), July 7 (History of the Beach Patrol) ,

July 14 (History of the Coast Guard), August 11 (History of the Police Department)

August 25 (History of the Bacharach Building)

## Longport and the Mail

Longport residents have been getting their daily mail at six different locations in the borough over the past 134 years.

In 1884, the first train service to Longport from Atlantic City brought the mail to the small depot on the bay at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. From there it was taken by cart to the Aberdeen Hotel at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Beach. The few local residents could pick up their mail from the hotel manager in the hotel lobby.

About 1900, John Minnich became Longport's first official postmaster. John was a building contractor and although he had the title of postmaster, it was his wife who ran the post office during the day.

In 1912 the Minnich home on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and five other nearby homes were destroyed by fire. Mrs. Minnich was hailed as a heroine since she saved the mail and postal equipment rather than rescue her family furnishings.

Bertha W. Krause became postmistress at her home in 1918. She tried to resign after four years of service but first she had to solve the mystery of her replacement. A 1922 article in the New York Tribune reported that Mrs. Krauss had telegraphed the Post Office Department in Washington asking who her replacement was. A brief message came back – Dorothy C. Sheck.



The Longport Post Office at the Minnich home on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue was destroyed by the huge 1912 Fire. At the time there were only about 30 year-round residents



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Longport residents remembered that a Sheck family from Philadelphia had rented a home in Longport the previous summer but had left in the fall. Mrs. Kraus offered to stay a few more days until her replacement could be located.

One week later young Dorothy Sheck of Seventeenth and Diamond Street in Philadelphia was installed as the Longport Postmistress at the age of 21. Although no one bothered to tell Mrs. Krauss, Miss Sheck had been training at the Atlantic City Post Office for three weeks.

"My daughter is qualified in every way to fill the position," said her father who would assist her in managing the mail at their home on Atlantic Avenue near 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Miss Sheck resigned after 5 years and later became the Longport Borough Clerk and Tax Collector for many years.

The Post Office was next moved to the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Atlantic and became part of the general store run by Louis Quimby.

In 1939 the Longport Post Office moved into its current location at 4 South 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The building was originally a one-story garage belonging to the Glass family. Later a second floor was added to the building and the building was converted to two apartments.

When the Post Office moved to 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a portion of the first floor was remodeled for a real estate office to be used by the new Post Master.

Joe Boyle was the Longport Postmaster from 1938 – 1950. He resigned in 1950 due to the increasing demand of his real estate office. His associate at the Boyle Real Estate Agency replaced him as the new postmaster.

In 1952 Longport was only a 3<sup>rd</sup> class post office which meant that residents still had to visit the post office to pick up their mail. That changed in 1952 when Longport was designated a second-class post office and home delivery began.

To see artifacts and pictures of the old post office buildings, visit the Devonshire Room in the Longport Historical Museum .



The Glass Family owned this garage on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the mid 1920's. After extensive remodeling, it became today's Post Office in 1939.



## Music Series

(All events are at 6:30pm at the gazebo behind Borough Hall; if it rains, event will be held inside)

### Registration Required

Monday, May 30—Atlantic Brass Band

Tuesday, June 20—Hawkins Road

Monday, July 24—Joey D Rockin' Oldies

Tuesday, August 15-Vintage Jazz Concert

Saturday, August 19 (Rain Date 8/20)—  
Mel and Toni-Bonfire Beach Concert at  
33rd and the Beach

Tuesday, August 29—Black Magic Swing  
Band

## Author Series

(all events at 6:30pm at the gazebo behind Borough Hall)

### Registration Required

**Tuesday, May 23,**

Ellen Cohen

**Monday, July 3,**

Doug Farrell

**Monday, July 10 (Rain Date 7/11) at 6pm**

Marie Benedict and Victoria  
Christopher Murray

**Monday, July 17 (Rain Date 7/18)**

Lisa Scottoline

**Monday, July 31,**

Debora Haines

**Monday, August 14,**

Sari Hausler

## July 2023

| Sun                                      | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                                  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|  |   |  |  |                                      |  | 1. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open<br>10:30am Magic Show             |
| 2. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime    | 3. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Author Visit   | 4. Library Closed                            | 5. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming 11am Lego<br>and Craft Club     | 6. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am Pokémon Club  | 7. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10am History Talk                            | 8. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10:30 Science Show                      |
| 9. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>11am Storytime | <b>10. 10am Knitting<br/>6pm Author Visit:<br/>Marie Rain date 7/11)</b>                  | <b>11. 9:30am Yoga<br/>6:30pm Bingo</b>      | 12. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club | 13. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am Pokémon Club | 14. 10am Museum<br>Open 10am History<br>Talk 2pm Movie                 | 15. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open<br>10:30am Cape May<br>Zoo       |
| 16. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime   | 17. 1pm Sandy Pages<br>Book Club 6pm Author<br>Visit: Lisa Scottoline<br>(Rain Date 7/18) | 18. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Trivia             | 19. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego Club              | 20. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club | <b>21. 10am Museum<br/>Open<br/>10am Art Class: Pottery<br/>Part 1</b> | 22. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open<br>10:30am Reptile<br>Show       |
| 23. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime   | 24. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Concert   | 25. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Tuesday<br>Tasting | 26. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club | 27. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club | <b>28. 10am Museum<br/>Open<br/>10am Art Class: Pottery<br/>Part 2</b> | 29. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open<br>10:30am Wetlands<br>Institute |
| 30. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime   | 31.. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Author Event   |  |  |                                      |  |   |

## Weekly and Monthly Programs

### Summer Seasonal Gathering

Tuesday June 6, at 1pm

### Longport Needlers Knitting Group

Mondays at 10am

### Trivia

Tuesdays at 6:30pm-May 16, June 27, July 18, August 1, August 22

### Adult Craft

Wednesday, May 10, at 3:30pm (Flower Arranging), Friday, May 26, at 2pm (Charcoal Drawing), Friday,  
June 16, at 2pm (Watercolors)

Friday at 10am— July 21-July 28 (Pottery two parts), Friday, August 4 (Felting)

### Tuesday Tasting at 6:30pm at Guild Hall

May 9, June 13, July 17, August 8

Candy Making-Monday, June 19, at 6:30pm Soap Making-Friday, August 18, at 10am

### Sandy Pages Book Club

Mondays at 1pm: May 15, June 20, July 19, August 21

Yoga-Tuesday, Thursdays, and Saturday (Time to be announced, please call)

## August 2023

| Sun                                    | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu                                  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
|  |   |   |  |                                      |   |   |
|  |   | 1. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Trivia             | 2. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club  | 3. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club  | 4. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10am Art Class: Felting           | 5. 10am Museum<br>Open 10:30am Puppet<br>Show   |
| 6. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime  | 7. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Bingo                                  | 8. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Tuesday<br>Tasting | 9. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club  | 10. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club | 11. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10am History Talk<br>2pm Movie   | 12. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open<br>10:30am<br>Jugglers Show                                      |
| 13. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime | 14. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Author Event                          | 15. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Concert           | 16. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club | 17. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club | 18. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10am Soap Making<br>3:30pm Bingo | 19. 10am Museum<br>Open 6:30pm<br>End of the Summer<br>Celebration (Beach<br>Concert and Bonfire) |
| 20. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime | 21. 10am Knitting<br>1pm Sandy Pages<br>Book Club<br>6:30pm Bingo | 22. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Trivia            | 23. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club | 24. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club | 25. 10am Museum<br>Open<br>10am History Talk                | 26. 9am Yoga<br>10am Museum Open  |
| 27. 10am Museum<br>Open 11am Storytime | 28. 10am Knitting<br>6:30pm Bingo                                 | 29. 9:30am Yoga<br>6:30pm Concert           | 30. 9:30am Open<br>Gaming<br>11am Lego and Craft<br>Club | 31. 9:30am Yoga<br>11am-Pokemon Club |   |   |