

## OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Explore Historic and Modern Sweden at the Ocean County Library Long Beach Island Branch



**SURF CITY** – Sweden's role in early South Jersey settlement is only one fascinating aspect of this influential Scandinavian nation. Take a glimpse into Swedish traditions and modern life and create a specially-themed craft, 10 AM Wednesday, November 15, at the Ocean County Library Long Beach Island Branch.

Join us for an exploration of the customs, technology, environmental awareness, and holiday celebrations that distinguish Sweden on the world stage.

The discussion will include a look at Sweden's Lucia celebration, a 400-year-old December tradition that spreads joy through processions and carols that take place in schools, offices, churches, assisted living centers, and national television.

Create your own Swedish paper heart, which can be a festive holiday decoration or a special gift.

Please register at <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</u> for this free program sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. New members are welcome to join the volunteers who support the Library through programs, fundraisers and advocacy. Membership forms are available at Friends events or at <u>http://theoceancountylibrary.org/oclfriends/membership</u>.

For more information, stop by the OCL Long Beach Island Branch, 217 South Central Avenue, Surf City, or call (609) 494-2480.

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