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HISTORIC PHOTOS DISPLAYED AT MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY

More than two-dozen historic photographs depicting the 90-year history of the Port of Long Beach will be on display in the lobby gallery of the Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Ave., beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, and continuing through December. Many of these photographs were recently discovered in port archives and have not been seen in more than half a century.

Beginning with an 800-acre mud slough and a lot of imagination, the Port of Long Beach has steadily grown from one 500-foot wooden pier in 1911 to the present 3,000-plus-acre mega-port. Today, the Port of Long Beach is the world's eighth busiest container seaport.

The display at the Main Library includes photo murals showing the dredge-and-fill technique used to deepen harbor channels and add new piers and terminals for growing international trade. Huge rocks barged over from Catalina Island created the many miles of dikes used to contain mud dredged from the sea to form the land.

Another 90th anniversary exhibit of historic port photographs is on display in the lobby of the port Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza. The public is invited to view both displays. The port building is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For hours at the Main Library, call (562) 570-7500.

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