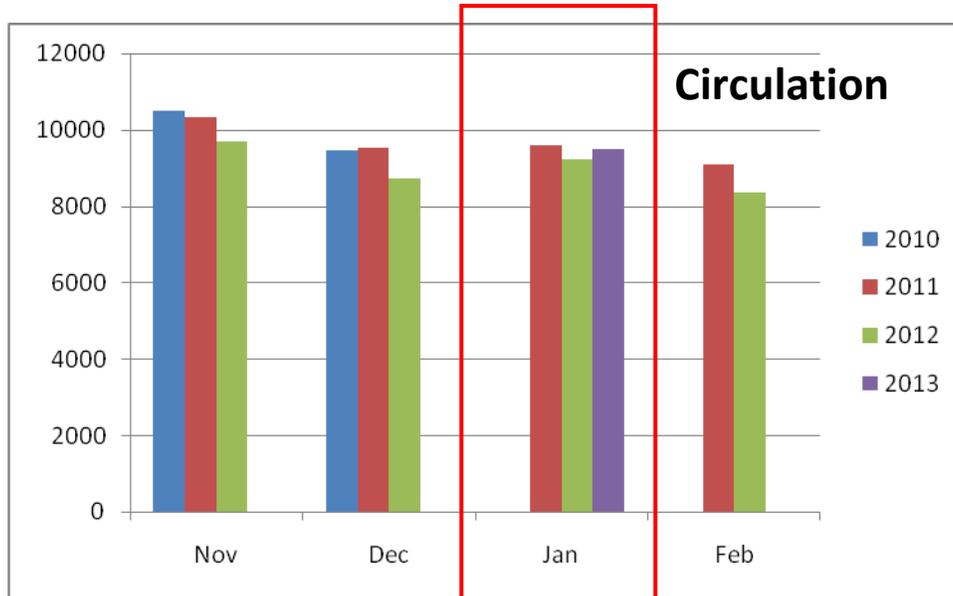


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January's circulation (9505) increased by 9% from December (8710), and increased by 2.8% from this time last year (9242).



Visits to the library in January (5362) increased by 36% from December (3946) and increased by 2% from this time last year (5255).

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On Friday, Feb. 15, the library website was hacked leaving it virtually unusable. The website was taken off-line, and then restored. Our 6 year-old website has become increasingly vulnerable to attacks. We are currently evaluating three 3 proposals for a new website which will include enhanced security while providing for robust content management.

Millville Public Library has expressed interest an interest in taking our circulation desk. They agree to dismantle and transport the desk to Millville just prior to the arrival of our new circulation desk.

By February 8, the auditors had completed their work onsite for the annual audit.

Due to construction at the school, the main entrance to the library will be blocked. Patrons will be required to use the library doors facing 32<sup>nd</sup> street. Handicap access will be through the main doors to the school (facing the parking lot).

On February 7, library staff provided training to 4 staff members from Vineland and Millville municipal libraries related to the administrative functions of Millennium. These libraries along with Bridgeton Public Library have migrated to Innovative Millennium and will upgrade later this year to Sierra, Innovative's latest integrated library system. There is possibility of forming a regional Innovative users group. Besides the 3 municipal libraries in Cumberland County and us, Ocean City, Margate and Atlantic City are Innovative clients.

Avalon hosted the monthly meeting of the Coalition of Independent Libraries (COIL) on February 13. Most of the discussion focused on the use and miss use of library public rooms by organizations and individuals.

Chris Pidgeon and Melanie Matt completed a Lyrisis sponsored online class titled *Cataloguing Basics: Access Points*. Chris also completed the online class *Cataloguing Foundations: Principles and Practices*.

The director has been invited by the state librarian to serve for a second term on the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council. The council is involved with establishing the annual grant criteria, priorities and categories for distribution of available funding and in evaluating funded projects. The director has also been asked to be on the State Library's database advisory task force for this year's RFQ process.