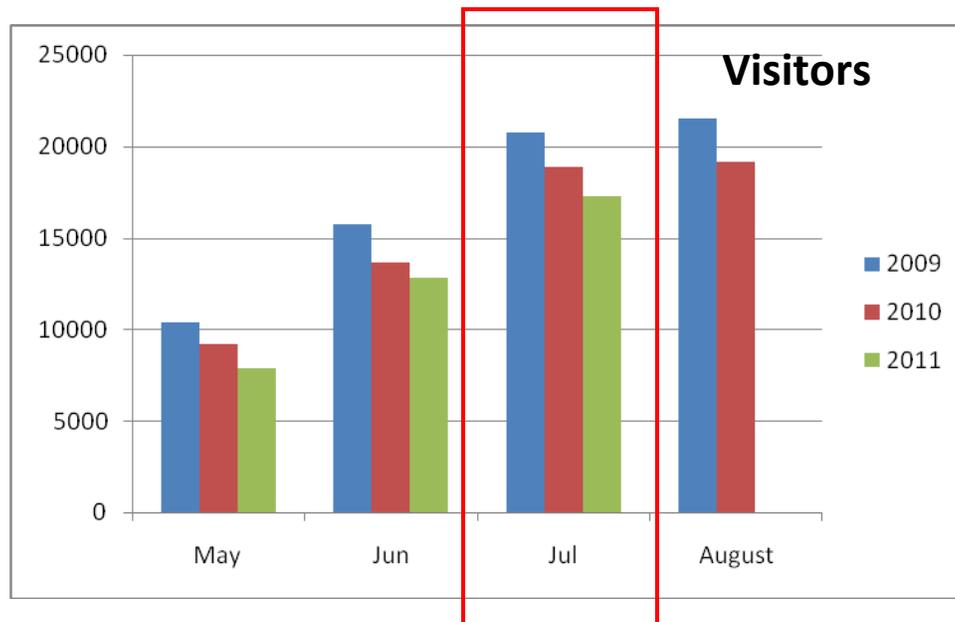
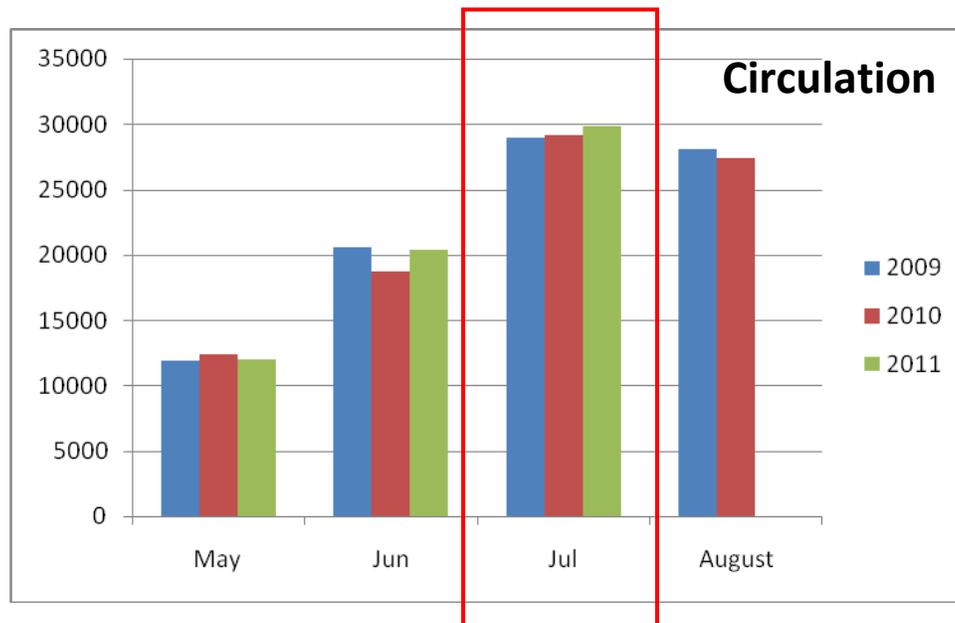


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July's circulation (29803) increased by 46% from June (20367), and increased by 2% from this time last year (29103). By the end of July, 102,432 items were circulated for the year, a 3% increase from this time last year (99135).



Visits to the library in July (17288) increased by 35% from June (12833) but decreased by 8% from June of last year (18866). By the end of June, there were 59288 visits since the beginning of the year. This was approximately 8% below 2010's year to date figure (64611).

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Power outages close the library 3 times in July. On Saturday, July 23, power was lost to the building at approximately 1:40pm. We attempted to manually manage circulation but were overwhelmed by the volume. The director closed the library at 3:00pm. Power was restored at the Sunday at 8:30am. Later that day (July 24), the library lost power at 2:00pm and closed at 2:30pm. On Sunday, July 31, power was lost sometime around 10:00am. A call from Ancero (the library's IT support consultant) to the director at approximately 10:15am informed him that connectivity was lost with the library's server. When staff arrived at the library at 11:00am they found that the building had no power. They emptied book drops and shut down the servers which were running on battery backup. The library never opened and staff was released at 11:30am. In each of these occurrences, the library board president was notified.



Two big winners for library programming in July were the Eisenhowers and the Bay-Atlantic Symphony. On July 13, Julia and David Eisenhower came to Avalon to discuss their latest book *Going Home to Glory: A Memoir of Life with Dwight D. Eisenhower 1961-1965*. The presentation was well received by the 590 members of the audience. Three days later, approximately 680 people attended the Bay-Atlantic Symphony.

More audiobooks for the Helen Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children. As a result of our Outspoken Library status, we were able to secure 10 children's digital audiobooks as well as 20 young adult audiobook downloads from the Library of Congress's BARD system. The library loaned the Diller Home two digital audiobook players. The library currently supplies the Diller Home with a small library of children's audiobooks on CD. The Lions Club supplies the CD players and headphones.

The library acquires a Nook. The library is currently evaluating the Barnes and Noble eReader Nook. Currently, we are circulating Sony and Kindle eReaders.

Skyler Edwards provisionally hired to fill a vacant Library Assistant position.