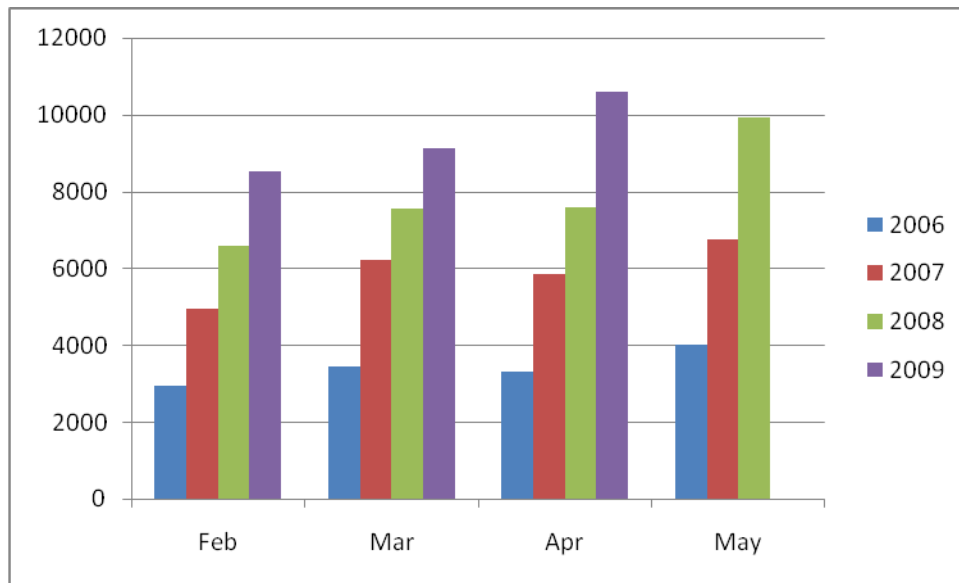


## Director's Report for April 2009

April's circulation (10592) increased by 16% over March (9122), and increased 40% from this time last year (7592). Year to date figure for 2009 (36956) is 33% above the same period last year (27828).



Both the library and History Center were represented in AHLOA's Community Connections, 2009 held on April 11. There were many favorable responses by participants who visited the library's table. The *Library by Mail* program was especially noted.

On April 17, the State Librarian, Norma Blake approved the transfer of \$350,000.00 of surplus library funds to the Borough for tax relief pending the passage of a resolution by the Library Board to do so. In accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:54-15, Transfer of Excess Library Funds to the Municipality the library submitted a comprehensive 60 page report covering our finances, technology plans, and state of the library services was submitted and serve as a bases for Blake's decision.

The process for hiring seasonal help has begun. Ads have been placed with the Press and the Herald for 3 part time library assistants, 3 pages, and 1 computer aid to help patrons utilize public access terminals. One of these hires will temporarily replace a permement part time library assistant who is going on sabbatical this summer. An employment page was created on the website

(<http://www.avalonfreelibrary.org/employment.asp>) as well as a email address ([Jobs@avalonfreelibrary.org](mailto:Jobs@avalonfreelibrary.org)) specifically for

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**Employment**

**Seasonal Part Time Library Assistant (June 15 - Sept 6)**  
20/25 hours/wk. Some evenings and weekends. Good communication and computer skills, enjoys working with the public in high visibility situations, and able to lift, bend, and stand for long periods of time. Library experience a plus. \$13.72/hr.

**Library Page (Shelver) (June 15 - Sept 6)**  
20 hours/wk. Some evenings and weekends. Detail orientated. Must be able to lift and bend. Good communication skills. Knowledge of Dewey a plus. Minimum wage.

**Computer Aid (June 15 - Sept 6)**  
20 hours/wk. Will assist public with use of computer stations and other tasks. Good computer and communication skills. Knowledge of MS Office a plus. \$10.00/hr.

Background checks will be initiated on all new hires. If you are a team player, send cover letter indicating which position you are applying for, resume, and references to Search Committee, 235-32nd Street, Avalon, NJ, 08202 or send attachments (either pdf or MSWord) to [Jobs@avalonfreelibrary.org](mailto:Jobs@avalonfreelibrary.org). Deadline: 5:00pm, May 18. The Avalon Free Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer

receiving applications and inquiries.



Comprise, makers of our SAM system, have released a print management system for wireless laptops. This will enable patrons, after downloading a print client, to send print jobs to our printer once they have paid for the pages. Hopefully, we will be able to have the system up and running in July.

Two new media streaming databases are now available on our website . *Opera in Video* contains 250 of the most important opera performances, captured on video through staged productions, interviews, and documentaries. *American Song* is a history database that allows people to hear and feel the music from America's past.

Melanie attended a cataloguing workshop in April. The director went to the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and the COIL meeting in Atlantic City.