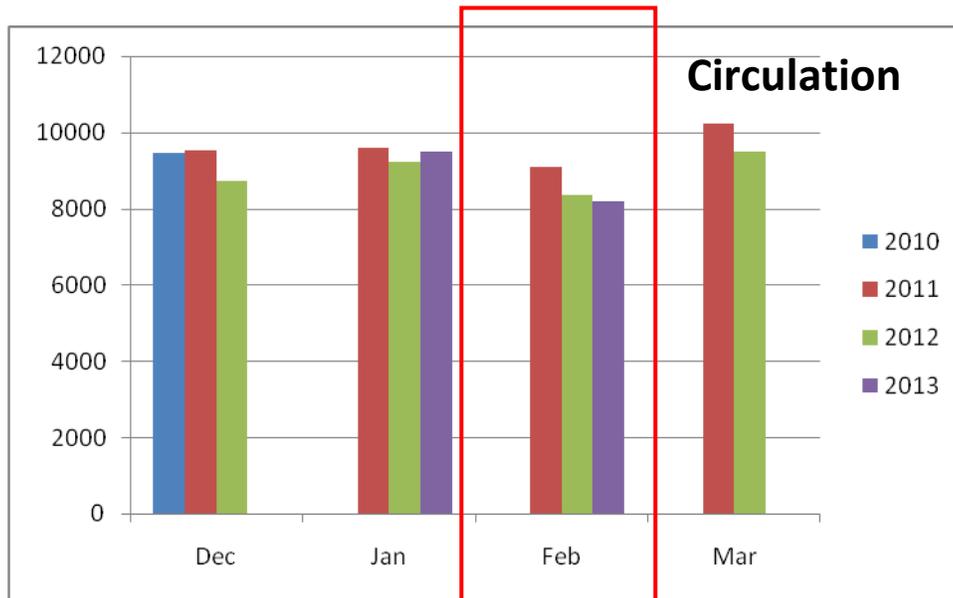


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February's circulation (8201) decreased by 11% from January (9205), and decreased by 1.8% from this time last year (8371). By the end of February, the library circulated 17406 items year-to-date, a 1% decrease from the same time period last year.



Visits to the library in February (4840) increased by 10% from January (5392) and decreased by 2% from this time last year (4941). By the end of February there were 10232 visits year-to-date, which was approximately the same (10196) for this period last year.

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Construction work on the ramp and vestibule began during the week of February 18. The project reverses the direction of the access ramp, encloses the portico in front of the library and includes the installation of automatic doors that will improve access to the school and library. During construction, the main entrance to the library are the doors on 32<sup>nd</sup> street, while handicapped access is provided for by a temporary ramp installed opposite the front doors of the school. The project is expected to be completed by mid-April.



As part of the renovation of the circulation area, a new work station was installed. Construction of the new circulation desk was awarded through the bid process to F. M. Schiavone Construction



Paper work for the return of funds to the borough was completed and submitted to the State Library at the beginning of March. The Annual State Library Survey was also completed.

The contract for the Bay-Atlantic Symphony concert series was signed. The concerts will be on July 20 and August 17 , and will feature two opera singers and a violin soloist. The Bay-Atlantic Symphony has offered to provide us with a free string quartet concert possibly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September. The library will be responsible for sound and lighting.

The director will be giving a presentation about Avalon Free Public Library's Library-By-Mail program during a poster session at this year's New Jersey Library Association conference in June. During the past two years, he has made presentations at the conference on the library's use of Constant Contact as an eNewsletter platform and the kids' book review features on our website.

The library sponsored a high tea on March 12. A documentary on Highclere Castle was shown, and a Downton Abbey trivia contest was held. 36 people attended the tea.

