

Director's Report for April 2007

May circulation (6745) increased by 15% (893) from April (5852). It increased by 58% (2586) from this time last year (2486). Comparing the totals from January through May during the past 2 years, cumulative circulation during this timeframe is 72% (12099) than the previous year. The average monthly difference is also 72%.

114 new cardholders added in May bringing the total number of patrons to 5157. 14 year-round residents became patrons while 70 non-resident homeowners received cards. There were 24 new patrons from Cape May County. The last bill received from the Cape May County Library indicated 9 new cards for in May.

Increase in Computer use. There were 1891 computer sessions in May, a 23% increase from the previous month (1540).

58 items weeded from collection.

919 new items added to the collection.

Summer staff hired. Carolyn Taylor and Maureen Buchann were hired as seasonal part time clerks. Sue Ellenberg was hired to assist with the children's summer programming. Chris Pidgeon replaces Jennifer Chesse as a permanent part time library assistant. 2 high school students will be reporting onboard at the end of June / beginning of July as pages.

The Director attended the Mid Atlantic Library Futures Conference on May 7-8 at the Borgata Hotel.

Discussions were held with Alan Burger to formulate a new service agreement which would facilitate implementation and/or revise aspects of our strategic plan. A copy of the proposed service agreement is in your packet.

The library staff is evaluating the PlayAway Audiobook Player as a 2rd format for the delivery of audiobooks. PlayAway consists of a media with a book preloaded on it. It is highly transportable and easy to use.