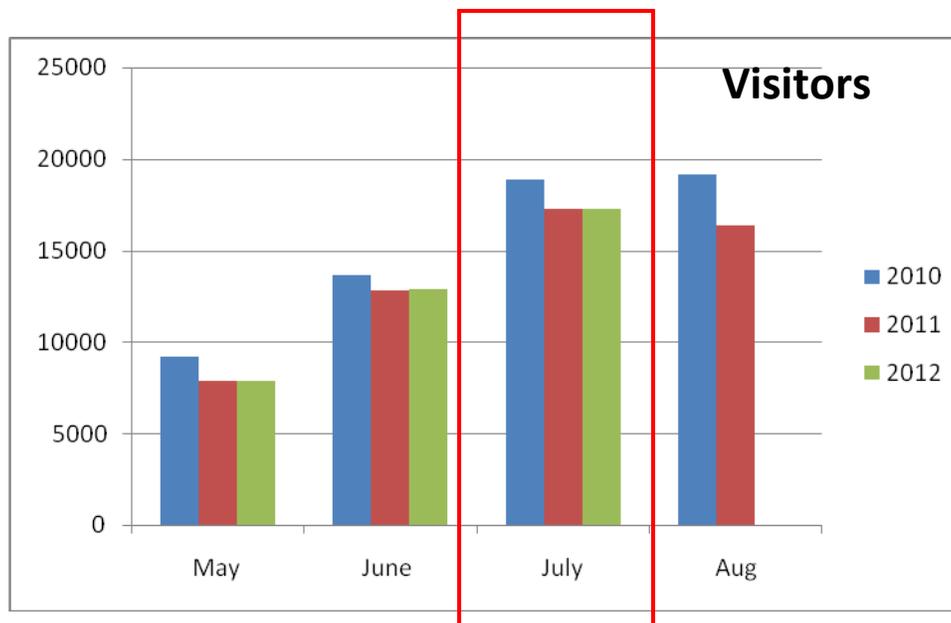
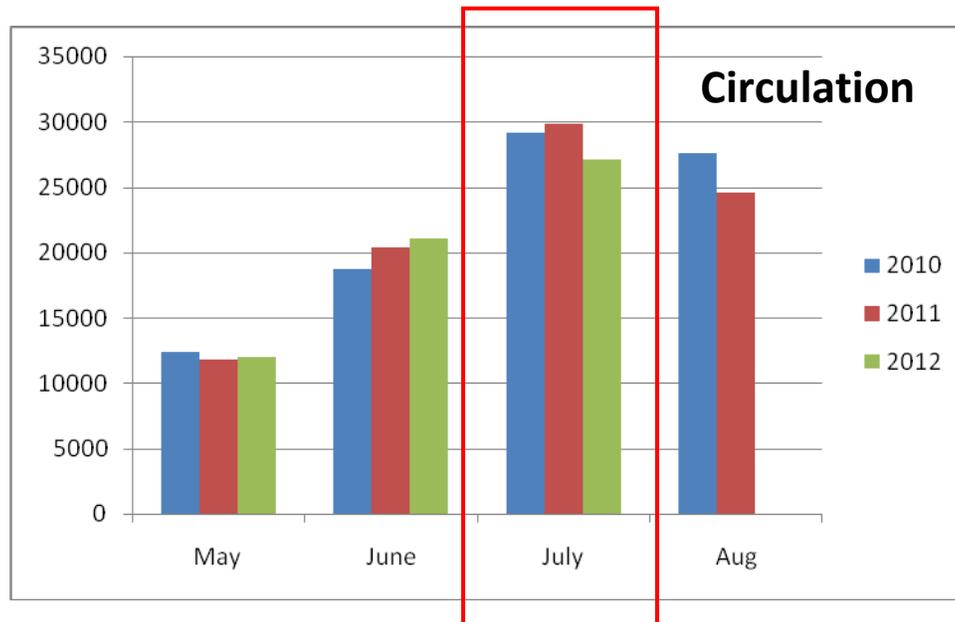


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July circulation (27068) increased by 29% from June (21062), and decreased by 9% from this time last year (29803). By the end of July, 97404 items were circulated for the year which is an 5% decrease from this time last year (102,432).



Visits to the library in July (17302) increased by 34% from June (12917) and remained the same as this time last year (17288). By the end of June there were 58,933 visits to the library since the beginning of the year which was a .5% decrease from the same period last year (59,288).

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Library Sign – The library sign on the east side of the building has been restored. In early July the letter “L” was removed from the library lettering.

Empty Wallets Found in Bookdrop – Three empty wallets were found in the larger book drop in the afternoon of Saturday, July 28. The police were called and the wallets were taken into their possession.

Power Outage Closes Library - The library lost power Sunday, July 29 at 1:25pm. The library closed at 2pm. Power was restored at 2:58pm. Both servers were successfully brought back online after the outage with no apparent damage or software corruption.

HVAC Leakage – On Saturday afternoon, August 4, staff observed water dripping from several HVAC vents in the library. 2 areas at the front desk, in the first row of the DVD's and a small section along the eastern wall were affected. Additionally, condensation was noted on several other vents. School officials were notified and the Frank along with a HVAC technician arrived before the library closed Saturday. Books and computers were removed from the affected areas. Plastic sheeting was used to cover the front desk areas. There was some evidence of continued leakage Sunday, but none over Sunday night. Evidently, there were problems with the boiler system. Condensation was also noted in the school's hallways and the gym.



First Concert of Symphony By the Sea a Success – 650 people attended the July 21 Bay-Atlantic Symphony concert. Many voiced the sentiment that this was one of the finest BAS concerts to-date. Many thanks to the contributions and efforts of the Borough, Recreation Dept., School District and 7 Mile Publishing. The Mayor was able to have the fire siren silenced during the concert. Unfortunately, the director was not asked to play.

July was Author Month – July was one of the busiest months for author visits to date.

July 9 – Kathleen Graber – *Eternal City*

July 11 – Saloma Furlong – *Why I Left the Amish*

July 17 – Robert Straus – *Daddy's Little Goalie: A Father, His Daughters & Sports*

July 18 – Vince & Janet Papale – *Be Invincible*

July 24 – John Bailey – *Cape Island, Jewel of the Jersey Shore*

July 25 – Alice Ozma – *The Reading Promise: My Father & the Books We Share*

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Talking Book and Braille Center Sends Audiobooks on Flashdrives for Diller Home - In early July we received audiobooks on flashdrives for the Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children from the State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center. We transferred 4 specially adapted digital players to the home for the summer season. In June, the library placed a collection of audiobooks on cd at the home to be used in conjunction with cd players that the Lions club had donated a view years ago.

Website Information on OPRA Requests – A section has been added to the information page (<http://www.avalonfreelibrary.org/information.asp>) of our website related to Open Public Record Act (OPRA) requests for government information.

Request for Access to Government Information

The Records Custodian for all library related documentation is the Library Director. The Library Director can be reached 609-967-7156. All information requests covered by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) should be submitted using the [Request for Access to Government Information form](#). Send completed forms to Director, Avalon Free Public Library, 235-32nd Street, Avalon, NJ 08202. Forms can also be faxed to 609-967-4723. If your request is turned down, [you may appeal by using the following procedure](#). For more information concerning access to government information, contact the [New Jersey Government Records Council](#).

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