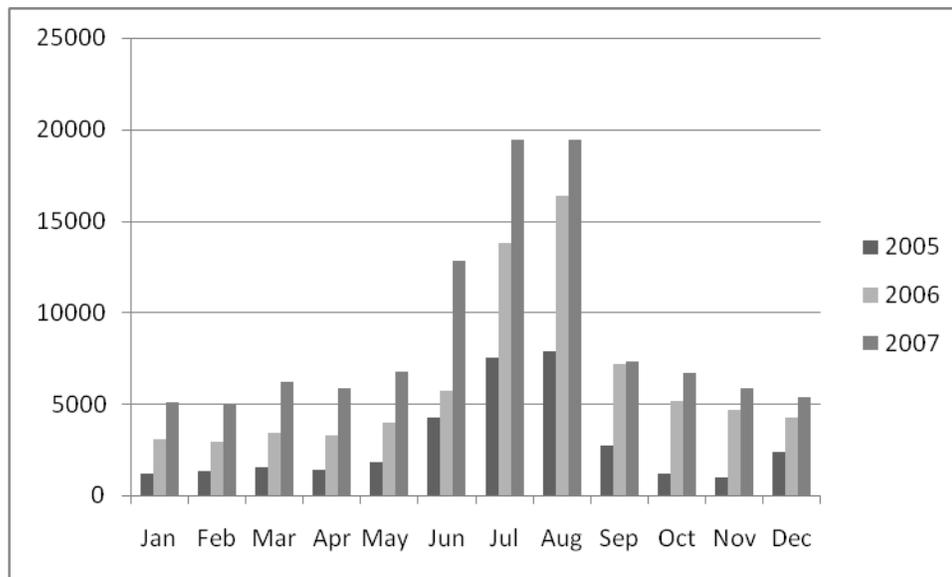


Director's Report for December 2007

Circulation approaches 106,000 in 2007. Although the exact figure will not be known until we analyze the year circulation reports later this month current statistics indicate the library circulated between 105,970 and 105,990 items this past year. This is approximately a 31% increase over last year (80,924).

December's circulation (5380) continued a seasonal downward slope declining by 8% from November (5867). However, circulation increase of approximately 27% from this time last year (4228).



43 new cardholders added in December bring the total number of patrons to 6274. 9 year-round residents became patrons while 9 non-resident homeowners received cards. 20 Cape May County residents received cards.

932 computer sessions in December. This is less than a 14% decline from the previous month (1088), but a 366% increase from this time last year (200). Average session was 13 minutes

449 new items added to the collection in December.

AFPL website had 9335 visits in December. This is a 10% increase from the previous month (8481). In December, 27189 pages were viewed, a 17% increase from October (23197). 612 PDF files were downloaded.

Library replaces a desk clerk. Jim Cavalieri has resigned his position at the library in order to teach at Atlantic Cape Community College. Jim will be greatly missed. We have hired Bill Silcox of Rio Grande to take his position. Bill is an Army veteran who graduated from the University of Edinboro with a BA in applied media arts.

11 DVD's stolen from library. At approximately 3:30, Saturday, 29 Dec 07, library staff discovered 11 DVD cases which had been left open on the DVD shelving with the DVD's missing. The reshelving of DVD's to this area occurred about 12:00 – 12:30pm, and there was nothing out of order at that point. The police were notified. Up until this point we have not seen an issue with security. Although we are not finished with our inventory, what we have completed (the DVD section has been inventoried) indicates that theft is not significant.