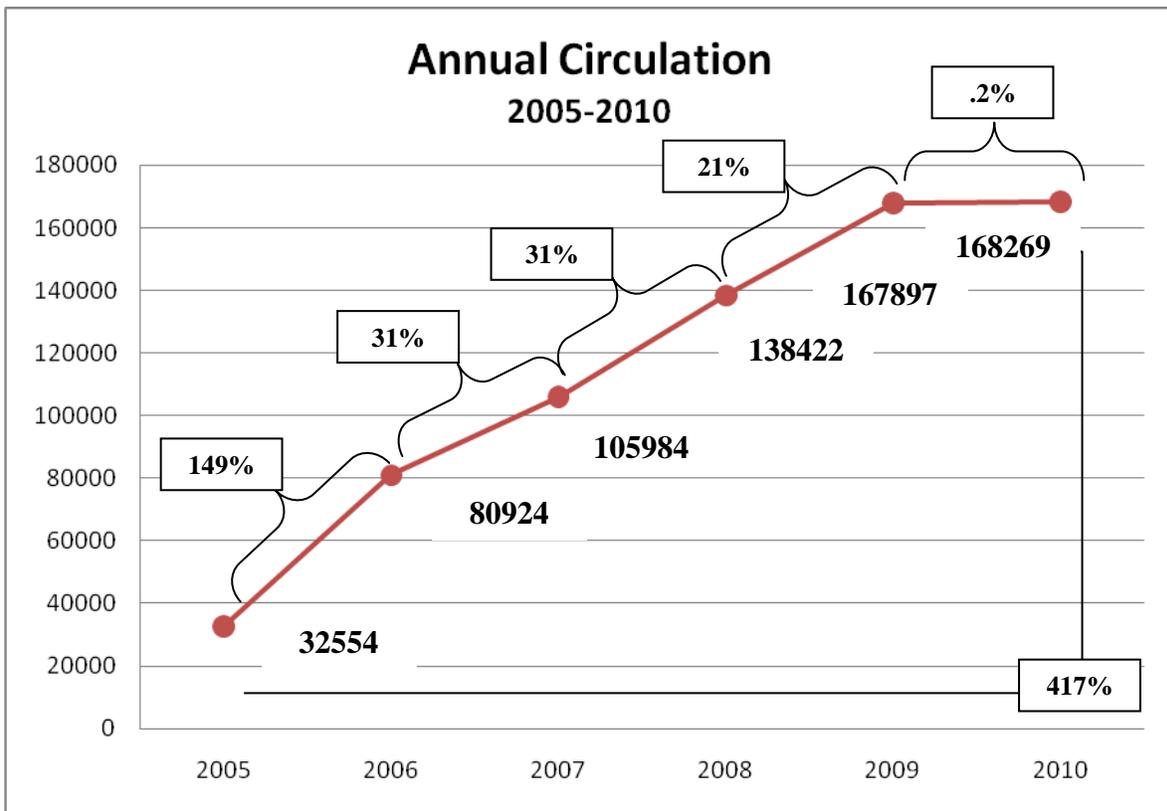
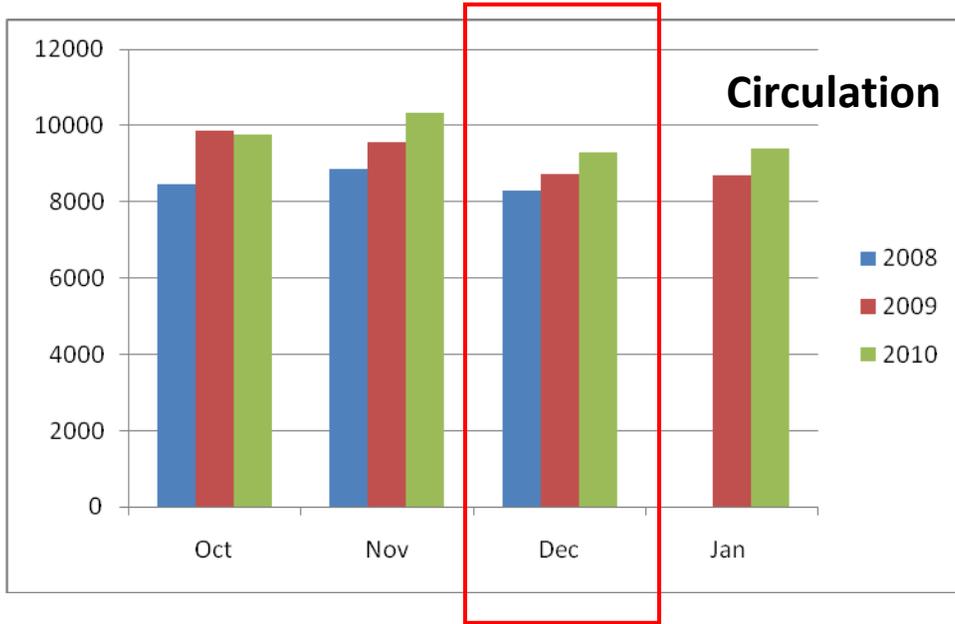


Director's Report for December 2010

December's circulation (9282) decreased by 10% from November (10350), and increased by 6% from this time last year (8735). At the end of the year, the library circulated 168269 items, a .2% increase from last year (167897).



The library was closed on December 27 through 12:00pm on December 28 as a result of snow.

Cataloguing has begun on over 100 New Jersey related books donated by the Ocean City Public Library. Many of the donated books are antiquarian. The material is being intergrated into the New Jersey Collection at the History Center.

Technology Projects in 2011	
Replacement of 8 computers	We are continuing the upgrade of the library network infrastructure begun 2 years ago. Last fiscal year 8 patron access machines were replaced. All of the PC's in the computer lab will be replaced. Additionally, we will be adding 2 MACs to the computer suite available on the main floor.
Replace SAM with Envisionware time/print management system	An upgrade to the SAM software (print and time management for public access machines) resulted in many problems. Comprise's inability to fix the problems has several times resulted in us having to turn SAM off to inable patrons the ability to access the resources on these computers. Other SAM libraries were having similar problems. EnvisionWare has been selected to replace SAM. Beside providing basic time/print management functions, EnvisionWare will enable us to provide printing for wireless devices.
New Website	<p>Over the 4 years that we have had our current website, we have learned what works and what doesn't.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • content management control it has proven cumbersome • presentation of content indexes is often confusing • font size not adjustable by patrons • no mobile-compatible component • does not accommodate social network sharing or RSS • no accomodation for streaming media. Podcasts (ex. Writer's Workshop) require html programming skills to deploy • new pages require html programming skills
Encore Catalog	<p>Over the past two years we have attempted to find a catalog that had robust search functions. To this end in 2009, we tried Aquabrowser which enabled our patrons to search by format and currency. Unfortunately, maintenance of this third party browser proved problematic, and it was not accepted by our patrons. Millennium, our current intergrated library system (ils) provider, has a catalog front end that will provide many the features we are looking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faceted browsing by format (such as book, video), location, year, etc. • tag clouds - a way to quickly find "more like this" • direct links to the electronic version (where available) • search at least 5 of the databases we subscribe to • spellcheck for searching: "did you mean...?"