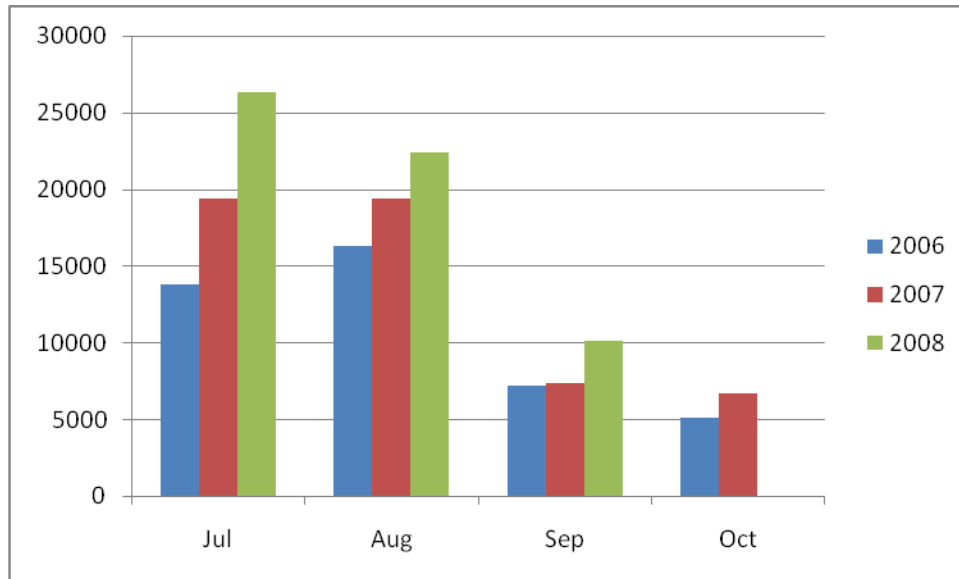


Director's Report for September 2008

September's circulation (10103) reflects the beginning of the seasonal change. September's circulation decreased 55% from August (22437) but increased 38% above this time last year (7328). Year-to-date (YTD) stat for the end of September (112,822) was 28% above YTD figures for September 2007 (88065).



By the evening of September 10, the library had exceeded the total circulation for 2007 (105,984) in its year-to-date statistics for 2008 (106,143).

Library remained open during Nor'easter (September 25) – The library remained opened during the Nor'easter which struck on September 25. As a result of flood warnings which were issued for the area, off-island staff were sent home at 4:00. Flood tide was predicted at approximately 5:30. The library was staffed by employees who lived on the island.

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Progress with History Center Merger:

- Computers have been ordered – Director's has been received
- Jim Craft and Shannon have agreed to wireless network connection with the History Center. Jim will order the antenna and install it at the Center. However, project is waiting for equipment to migrate to the new tower behind the Public Safety Building
- Sign has been put on hold although check has been generated for down payment
- Landscaping has been temporarily placed on hold
- 105 New Jersey related books have been pulled from the collection and are awaiting moving to History Center. Shelving has not been ordered pending discussion with director of placement and any other special consideration such as the need for secure shelving for rare or special material.
- Agreement has been reached to keep current Center staff in place until new director is on board
- The Selection Committee has unanimously agreed on a candidate for director. References are currently being checked.

The library partners with APAC. The library hosted APAC's Dixie Hummingbirds Lecture on Friday evening, September 26. 25 people came to Dr. Jerry Zolten's lecture.