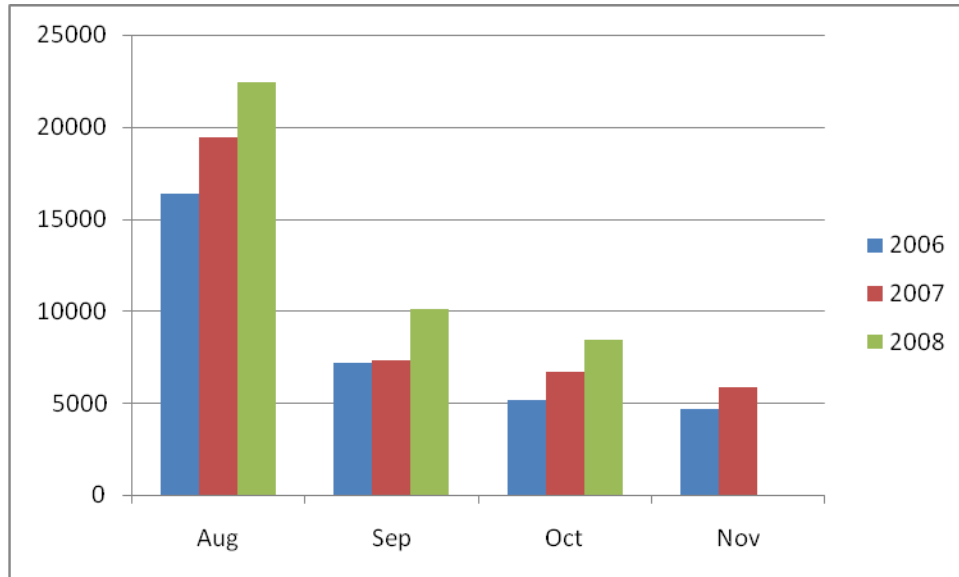


Director's Report for October 2008

October's circulation (8449) decreased 16% from September (10103) but increased 27% above this time last year (6656). Year-to-date (YTD) stat for the end of October (121271) was 28% above YTD figures for October 2007 (94721).



Progress with History Center Merger:

- Joseph Angemi, History Center director, has reported on board. On November 5, he spoke to the Avalon Historical Society board and was favorably received.
- The search for a part time museum aid has begun with advertisements in the Atlantic City Press and Herald. Deadline for applications is 5:00pm November 21. Initial screening will be the following week, with interviews scheduled for the week of December 1.
- Library furniture has been ordered for the Map Room.
- Jim Craft has all the hardware required for connecting the History Center with the Borough's network. He is waiting for Public Works to install the equipment.
- All 3 computers destined for the History Center have arrived.
- We are waiting for a proposal from Ancero concerning installation of additional network drops on the second floor.
- The locks have been changed. Security issues with the front door are being addressed.
- The sign for the front of the building has been ordered. Signs for the museum at other locations have been taken down. Additional signage needs to be created for Avalon Blvd. and other locations.
- The bulk of the landscaping has been completed. A retaining wall needs to be constructed to stabilize the soil.

Staff attends 4 workshops in October. Shannon, Michelle, and Linda went to a workshop on managing change. Melanie attended a JerseyCat Interlibrary Loan update session. Terri and Linda attended to Microsoft Publisher workshops.

Director was on sick leave from Oct 27 through Oct 31.