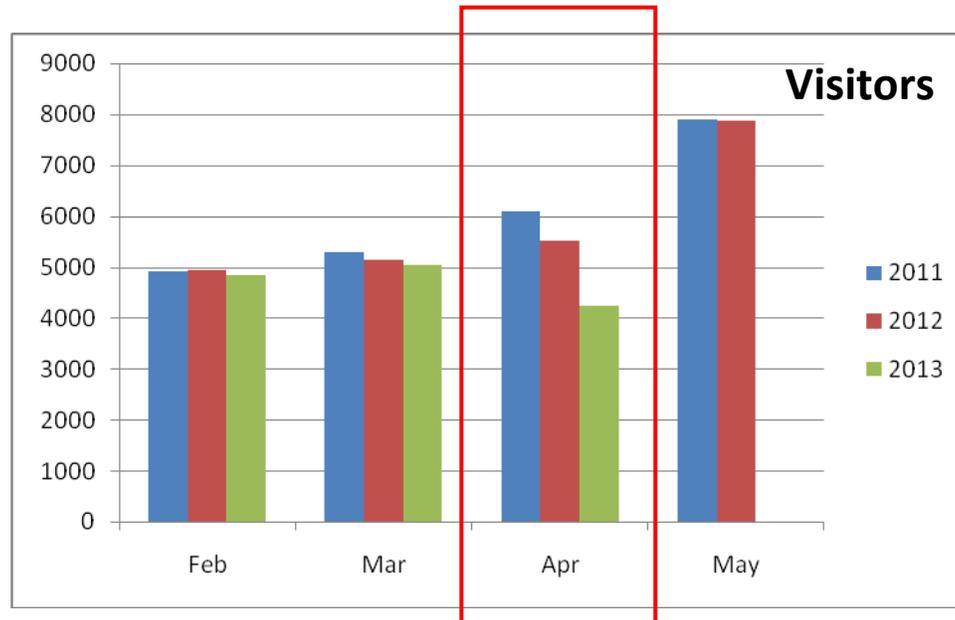
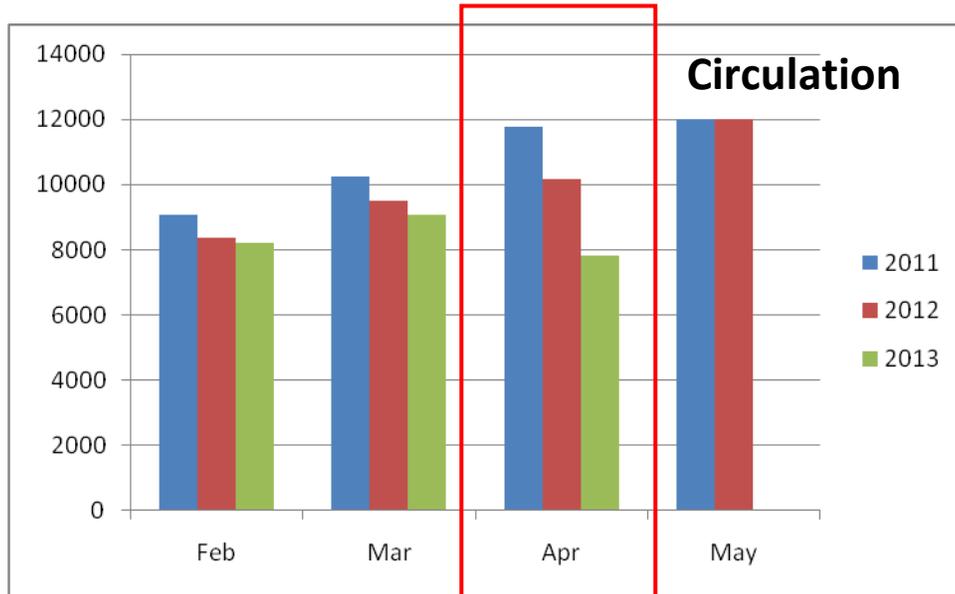


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April's circulation (7817) decreased by 14% from February (9060), and decreased by 23% from this time last year (10157). By the end of April, the library circulated 34,283 items year-to-date, a 7% decrease from the same time period last year (37261).



Visits to the library in April (4248) decreased by 16% from March (5033) and decreased by 23% from this time last year (5508). By the end of April there were 19513 visits year-to-date which was a 6% decline from this period last year (20849).

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~ By the end of April, the railings were installed and all major construction on the foyer was completed.

~ On April 30, the library was closed for a staff in-service. Staff attended the following workshops:

- Digital Down Load Apps
- Millennium Limited Search Function
- Patron Catalog
- Databases
- Acquisitions
- Repair and Replacement Procedures
- Evaluation tests
- Summer Programs and Registration

~ The library has purchased 10 Windows 8 laptops. They will be used initially for teaching Windows 8, and for in-house use by patrons if necessary. We are unable to upgrade network lab computers as Windows 8 has not been certified by Envisionware to work with our network's time and print management system.

~ With permission from the school district, the library will be offer courses on May 17 and 31 in the computer lab during school hours. The courses include Intro to Office 2013, Excel 2013 & Word 2013.

~Summer programming has been finalized, and update program flyers will be available shortly.

~ Workshops and training: Linda Duffy successfully completed a distance learning course from the University of Massachusetts called *Creative Economy*. The course is part of a program of studies leading to a certificate in arts management. The director attended a workshop on Digitalization Basics presented by the New Jersey State Library and the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts. Among the topics covered in this day-long workshop at the Wheaton Arts Center in Millville, was information on the data hosting options with the New Jersey Digital Highway, a state-wide history portal. It is possible that we can store digitized historical media on their server.