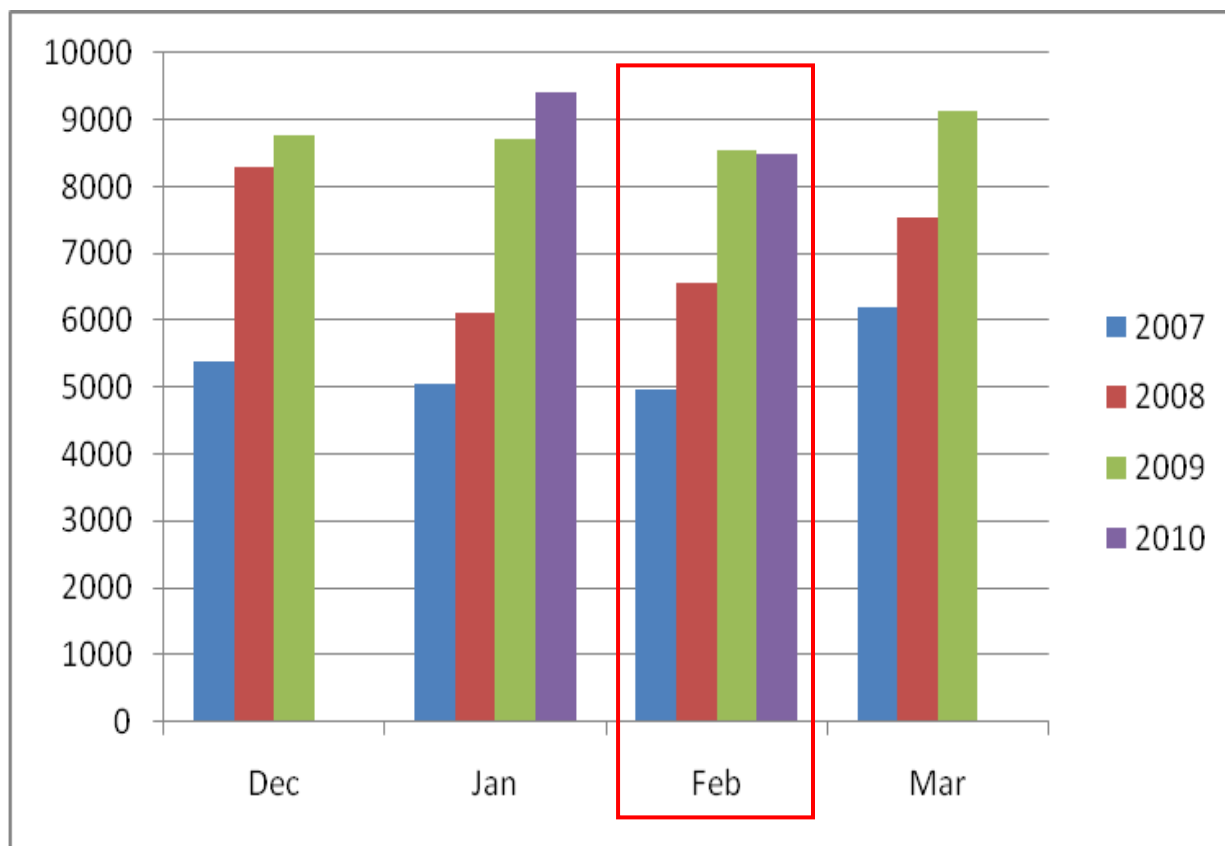


Director's Report for February 2010

February's circulation's (8482) decreased by 10% from January's (9401), and decreased by 1% from this time last year (8540).

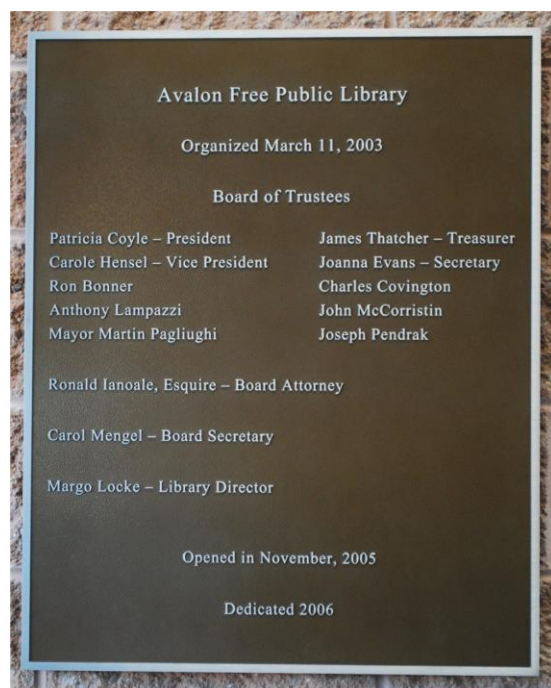


Library Closed on Account of Weather – Due to the snowstorm of Feb 5/6 and the subsequent loss of power to the school, the library was closed from February 6 – 10. Snow which fell on Wednesday February 10, prevented most of the off-island staff from getting to Avalon. However, the library was staffed for 7 hours on Thursday, February 11, and was open to the public for 4 of those hours. The Library resumed normal operations and hours on February 12.

Snowed Under Webpage – The library is collecting oral histories and photos related to the Snow Storm. Podcasts being posted on our website and photos to our photostream on Flickr.

Long Distance Toll Free Number – The library has acquired a long distance toll-free number (888-541-7279) to facilitate communications with non-resident homeowners and residents who move south for the winter. The library pays no monthly fee. The in-state is \$.05 per minute and state to state is \$.03 per minute.

State Report Completed – The 2009 New Jersey Public Library Survey was submitted on Feb 25.



New Server Status – During February discussions between CDW, Comprise, and the library concerning the server and supporting software resulted in requisitions being generated, canceled, and revised. By mid-month everyone seemed to be satisfied. A phone call last week from CDW said that we could save \$2000.00 through an education discount by consolidating all the requisitions into one based on a new quote. We are currently 1 month behind in this project.



Certificate of Appreciation – Jane Thompson, Holy Redeemer Food Pantry coordinator presents Certificate of Appreciation to the library for serving as a donation collection location for the charity.

Training and Professional Activities – Shannon and Michelle attended a teleconference of *Customer Service: The Disney Way*. Shannon participated in a webinar called *Library Trends*. Norm attended the South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative board meeting and the *JIF Safety Awards & Breakfast*.



March, 2010

Avalon Free Public Library Newsletter

A Library Journal Five - Star Library

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Avalon Library Patrons Help the Needy



The Holy Redeemer Food Bank presented a [Certificate of Appreciation to the library](#) for serving as a collection point for non-perishable food donations. According to Jane Thompson, Food Pantry Coordinator, the Pantry served over 8,645 people in 2009; an increase of 41% from 2008. Avalon patrons are cooler by a mile!

Music Lecture



Paul Somers

"Music as Picture and Poetry"

March 23, 7-8:30pm

[Series Schedule](#)

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We are as far away as your computer and as close as your telephone. It is now easier (and cheaper!) for you to stay in touch. Requesting a book, renewing material, or asking a reference question, try our long-distance toll-free number:
888-541-7279



Flicks: What's Your Blood Type, Part II

SPECIAL SHOWING



[The Twilight Saga: New Moon](#) - When Edward leaves Bella, her world is turned upside down. With Bella's heart broken, she turns to Jake who has own special issues...like needing a barber when the moon is full.

7:00pm, Saturday Mar 20

The Light Touch - Pastels with Jim

Jim Penland is back with a [two-part workshop](#) on pastels. A supply list is available at the circulation desk or [online](#). Registration required.

10am-4pm, March 20 & 27



Reel Time

eNewsletter Redesigned – The March eNewsletter sports a different design and color scheme.



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March 1, 2010

TO: New Jersey Library Directors
FROM: Norma E. Blake, State Librarian *NEB*
SUBJECT: Budget Cut

As you may have heard, another \$721,000 was cut from library funding at the state level for this fiscal year, FY2010. Libraries lost \$1.9 million dollars earlier this year, which brings the total loss to \$2.7 million.

Details of the latest cut are as follows:

NJKI:

Loss of \$231,000 from the Knowledge Initiative. We are keeping Business Source Premier until June 30 by using carry forward funds. (NJKI also still includes REF USA and Academic Source Premier.)

Virtual Funding:

Loss of Heritage Quest database on Dec. 31, 2009. (We still have the EBSCO Suite of databases, Gale newspapers, and Informé.)

Jersey Connect, our statewide technology backbone remains intact.

Network Funding:

Loss of 5% to regional library cooperatives -- \$35,151 in SJRLC, \$27,927 in CJRLC, \$43,953 in HRLC and \$42,970 in Infolink.

Loss of 5.2% or \$93,000 of the State Library's funding in reference services and in the library development bureau.*

*In addition to the cuts discussed above for FY2010, there has been a loss of \$443,875 in the State Library's salary line for seven frozen positions and for employee salary cuts in the same budget year.

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