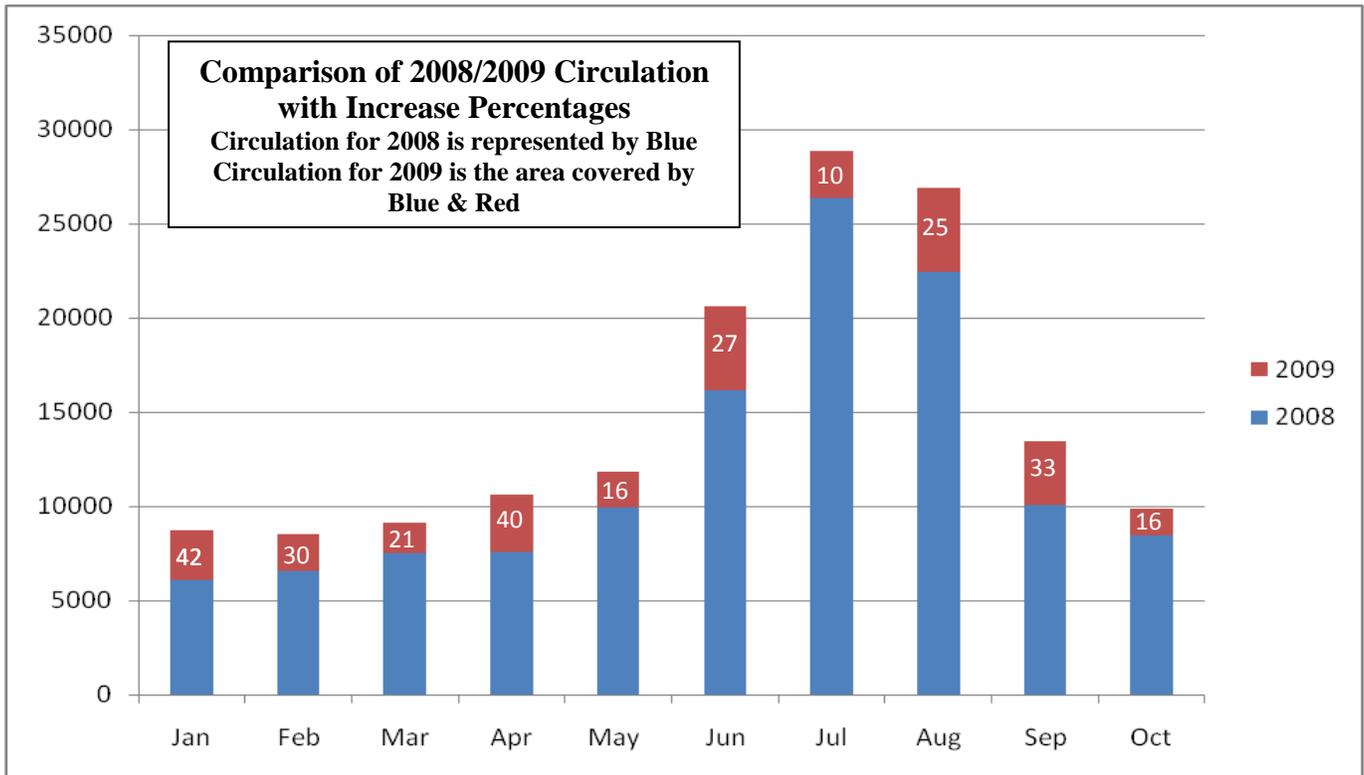
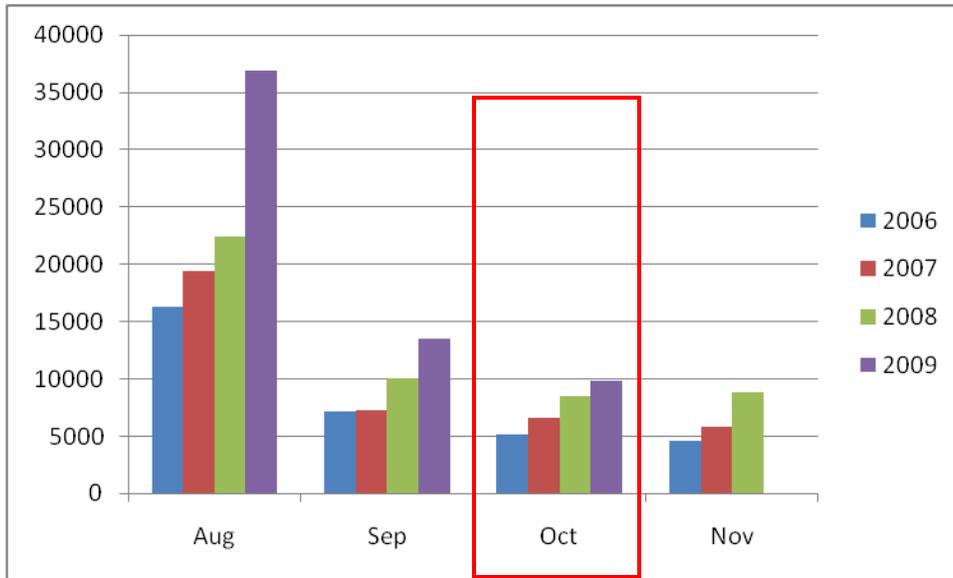


Director's Report for October 2009

October's circulation (9879) decreased by 27% compared to September (13464), and increased by 17% from this time last year (8449). Year to date figure for 2009 (149513) is 23% above the same period last year (121271).



Increases in monthly circulation compared to 2008 has been evident throughout the year and not limited to the peak vacation months. Continued growth has staffing implications.

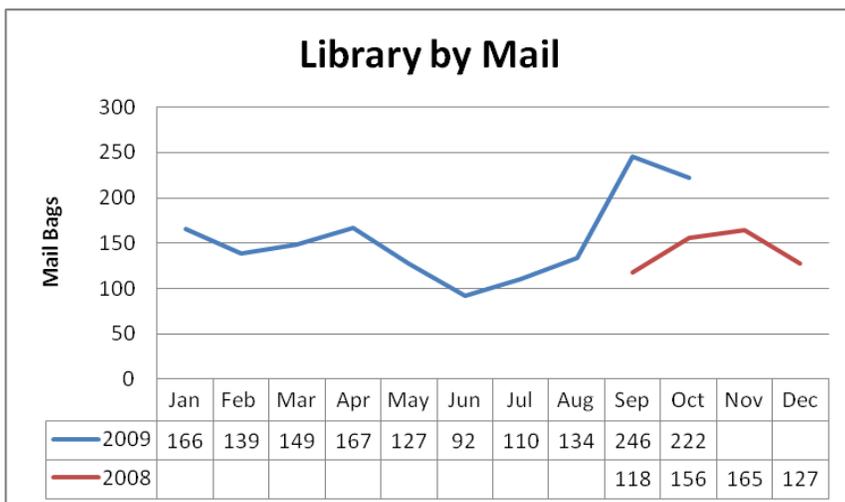


The Library remained open during the flooding on mornings of Oct 17 and 18. Library staff took pictures of the flooding and posted them on our webpage on Oct 17, “scooping” the local media by a day. Images were also uploaded to the library’s Facebook page.

Señor Ware’s Spanish classes (grades 5-8) decorated one wall of the library with the theme of El Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Photos of the children’s work appear on the Virtual Exhibits page of our website.



Training and Workshops – Melanie attended a Jersey Cat workshop in October. Linda will be completing Strategic Planning & Evaluation course at Drexel in December. The Director attend the monthly board meeting of the South Jersey Regional Cooperative on October 22 and returned on the October 28 for a combined workshop on innovation as a process and planning meeting for the Cooperative.



Zachery Gorecke was hired as permanent part-time library assistant. He replaces Rebecca Leopold who was transferred to the History Center. Congratulations to Michelle and Elizabeth for managing the selection committee.

A new front end to our webcatalog came online in September. Aquabrowser provides our patrons with greater functionality especially looking for information in different formats.