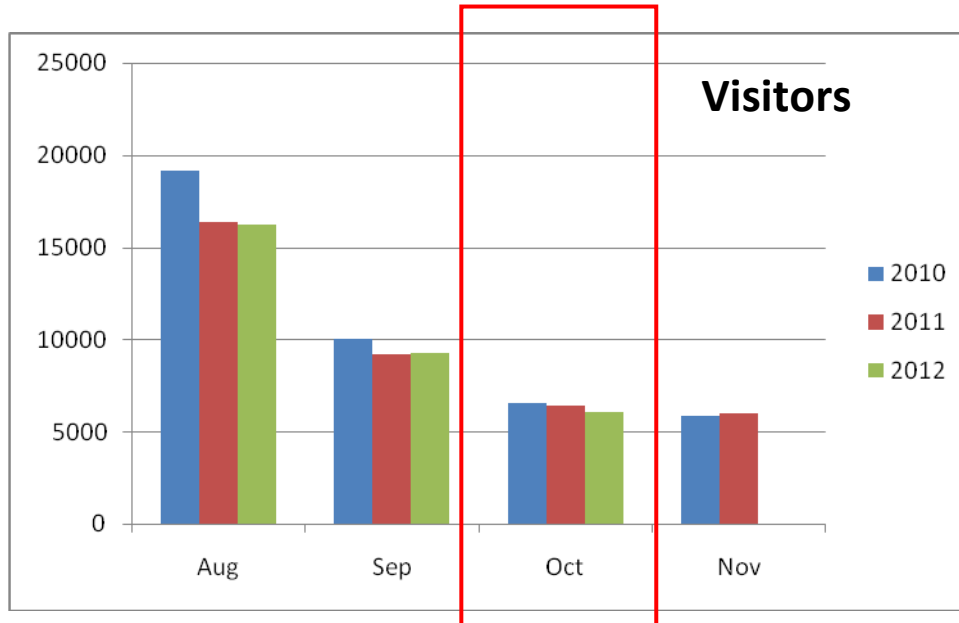
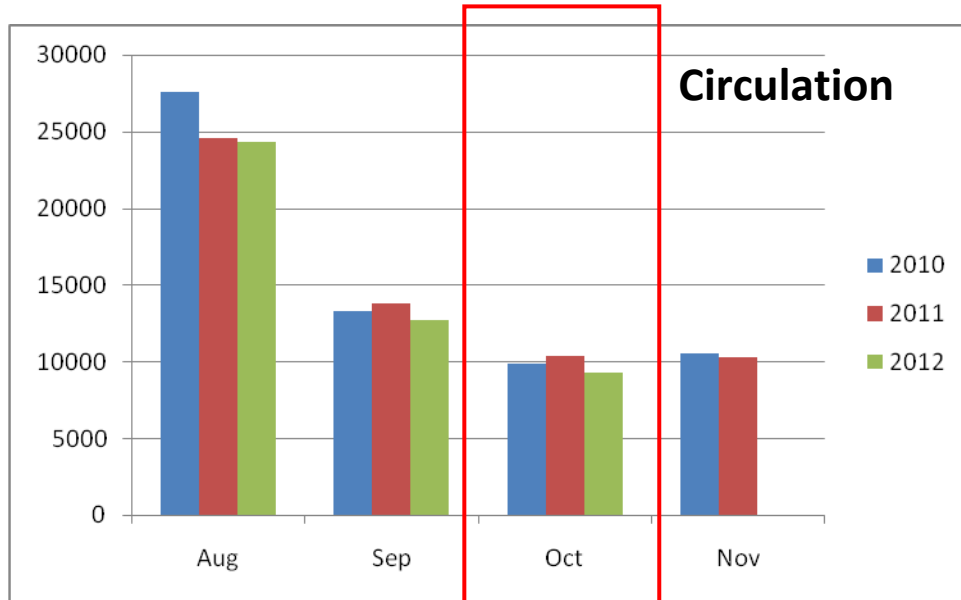


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October's circulation (9317) decreased by 27% from September (12720), and decreased by 10% from this time last year (10399). By the end of October, 143,793 items were circulated for the year which is a 5% decrease from this time last year (151,136).



Visits to the library in October (6051) decreased by 35% from September (9275) and declined by 5% from this time last year (6387). By the end of September there were 90,606 visits to the library since the beginning of the year which was a 1% decrease from the same period last year (91,982).

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Library Closes For Sandy – The library was closed as a result of Hurricane Sandy from 3pm, Saturday, Oct 27, to 1pm, Thursday, Nov . 1. Outside of a wet rug immediately adjacent the 32nd Street exit. There was no apparent damage to the building or collection. In preparation for the storm, staff and volunteers relocated all library material on low shelving to table and shelf tops. All computers and servers were placed on high shelving. Administrative computers were backed up to either a server or external hard drive. The network was reassembled without problems



Elementary Grades Return to Avalon – As a result of storm damage to Stone Harbor Elementary School, elementary grades have temporarily moved to Avalon. There is negligible on our operations as both the school librarian and Stone Harbor library aid have accompanied the children.

Library Closes for Nor'easter – The library closed at 1pm on November 7 as a result of a nor'easter storm. The library was open for normal hours on November 8.



AFPL at the 2012 Cape May County Community Disabilities Awareness Day on Saturday, November 10.

Annual Cape May County Community Disabilities Awareness Day - The library was present at the 4th Annual Cape May County Community Disabilities Awareness Day held at Community Hall on November 10, This was the second year that the library has had a table at the event. Library staff promoted services that are available through the Talking Book and Braille Center as well as resources and services available at AFPL .

Library Named Five Star Library – According to the November 1st edition of Library Journal, the Avalon Free Public Library was awarded 5-Star status for the 5th consecutive year. The award is based on data submitted as part of the 2010 state library report. Other libraries in New Jersey to receive recognition were Bernardsville Public Library (5-Stars), Mercer County Library (5-Stars), Princeton Public Library (3-Stars), and Roseland Free Public Library (3-Stars).