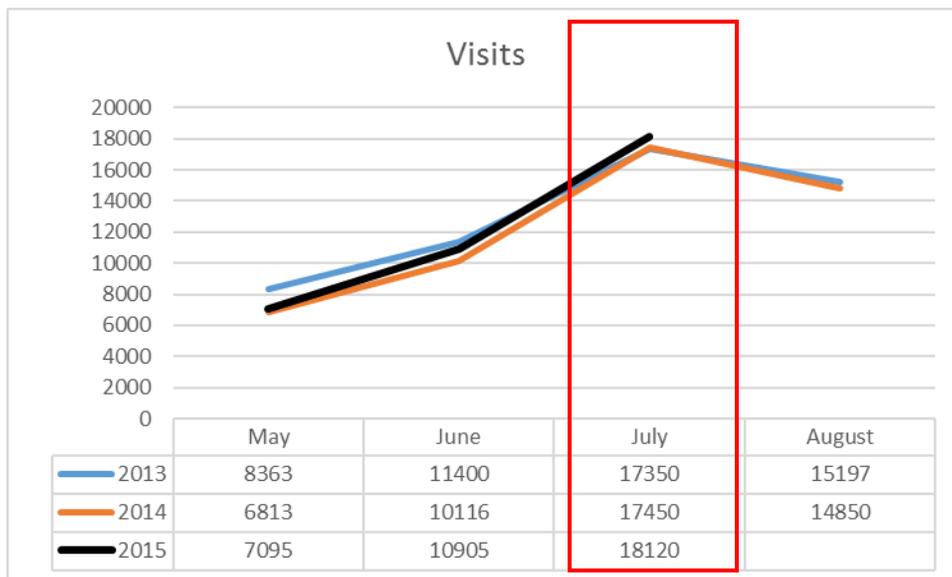
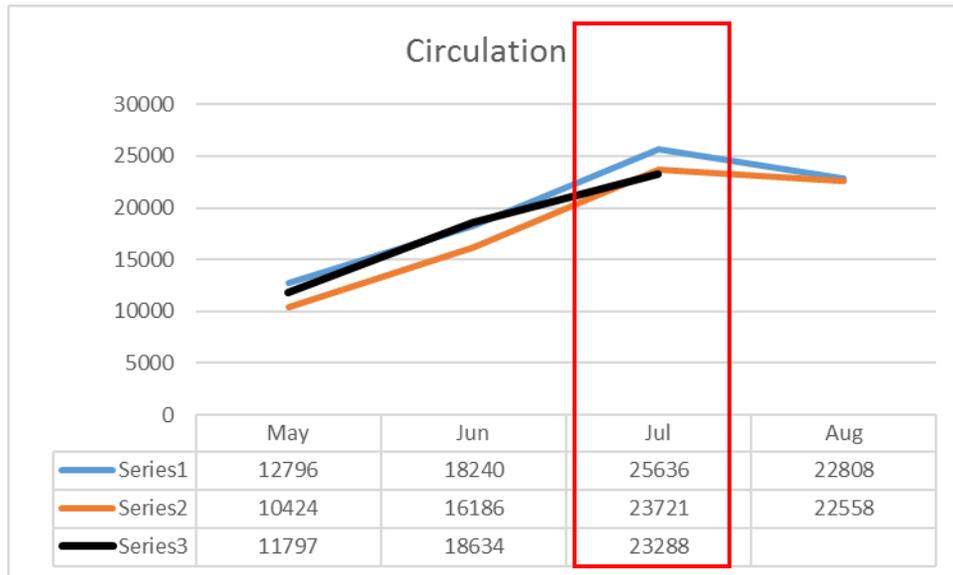


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July's circulation (23,288) increased by 27% from June (18,364), and decreased by 2% from this time last year (23,721). By the end of July, the library had circulated 90,592 items since the beginning of the year, a 9% increase from this same time period last year (83,000).



Visits to the library in July (18120) increased by 66% from June (10905), and an increase of 3% from this time last year (17,558). By the end of July, there were 60,982 visits to the library, a 20% increase from this same time period last year (53,302).

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Zachery Gorecke has resigned his position to attend law school. He was employed as a part-time library assistant for 6 years. His demeanor and work ethic made him a valuable member of the staff. Zachery will be greatly missed. His sister, Olivia, has been promoted into the position. Olivia has been a seasonal library assistant for 3 years, and has periodically filled-in during the off season when additional staffing was needed.

During the month of July, the library sponsored 83 program sessions which were attended by 3912 people. There were 8 author visits including Elin Hilderbrand (425 in attendance) and Lisa Scottoline with her daughter Francesca Sarritella (600 in attendance). Musically, programming ranged from Motown (Shadows of the 60's – 250 in attendance) to Dvorak (Bay-Atlantic Symphony – 575 in attendance).

The assisted listening system antenna was installed in the gym in early July. The staff received training on setting up and using the various components of the assisted listening system. With the exception of the Scottoline lecture, the system was deployed to all lectures held in the gymnasium and the multi-purpose. We were successful in integrating the library's mobile PA system and wireless mike components with the assisted listening system. Mandatory signage indicating the availability of an assisted listening system was placed at the entrance of the foyer. Mobile signage was made observable at the site of all lectures.

CART services (stenographic captioning) were provided at three events. We were not able to cover two other events which were requested due to availability of resources. Due to a scarcity of resources in Cape May and contiguous counties, and reluctance of services in the Philadelphia and northern New Jersey areas to drive to Avalon for approximately a 2 hour session, advanced notice will be required to engage local resources. In the case of the Scottoline and Hilderbrand lectures, the services were secured early anticipating the potential need.

Information about accessibility and related services has been added to the website (<http://avalonfreelibrary.org/library-info/accessibility.aspx>) and a navigation button titled "Accessibility" links the homepage to this information.

The staff refrigerator failed after 10 years of service. A new unit has been ordered.

With the exception of the beginning of July, the temperature in the library has remained between 72 and 75. However, HVAC is not providing any dehumidification and the humidity in the library often exceeds 70%.

The ductless air-conditioner in the server closet was down for several days in the beginning of July. As a result of excessive heat in the closet, the LAN was shutdown to protect vital components of the network. When air-conditioning was restored, the network was turned back on without apparent heat-related damage,

The library and History Center had tables at the Annual AHLOA meeting on August 8.

Mr. Frank Rizzio made a \$100.00 donation to the library.