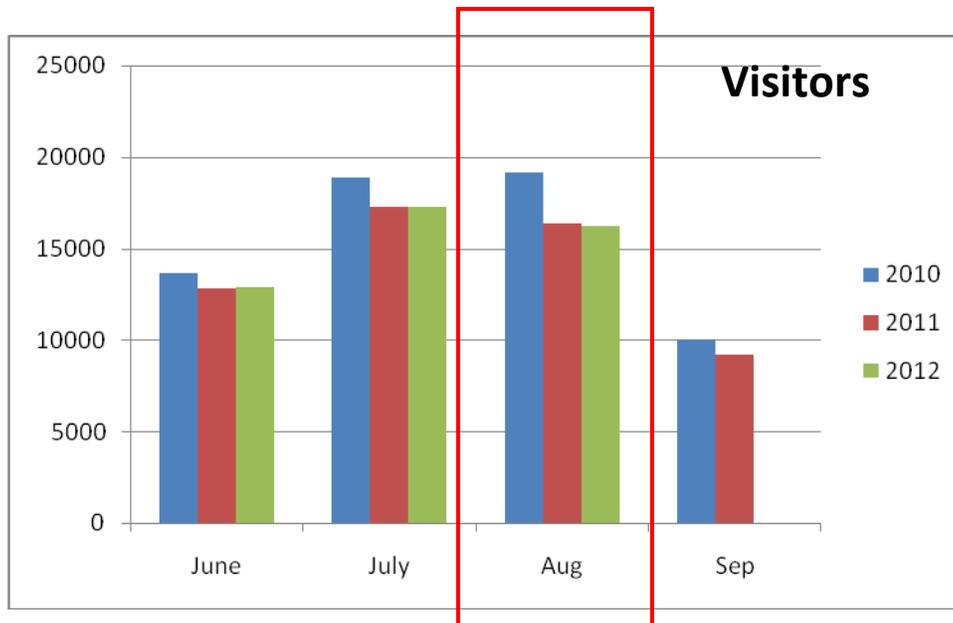
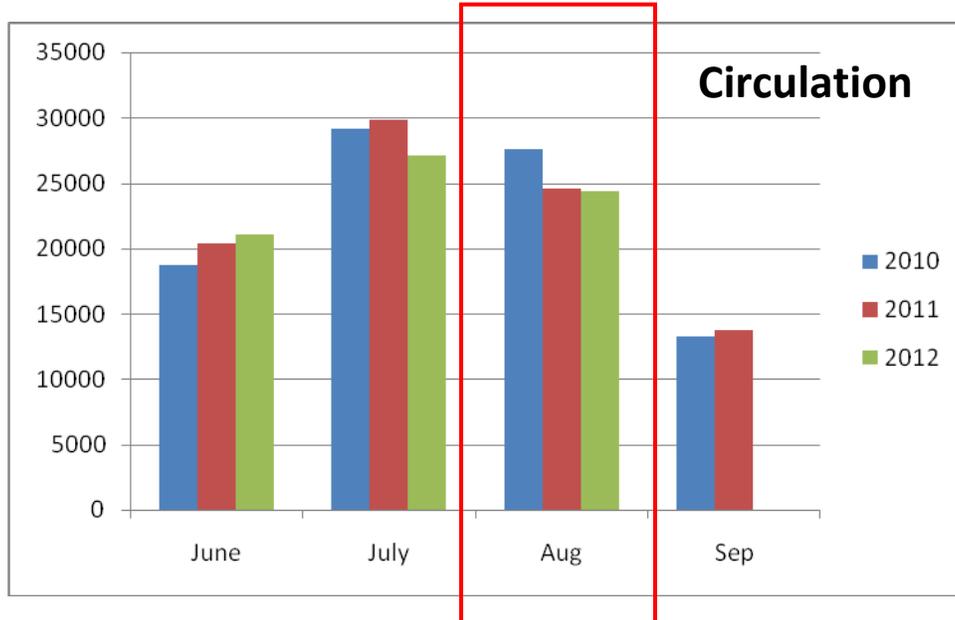


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August circulation (24352) decreased by 10% from July (27068), and decreased by 1% from this time last year (24547). By the end of August, 121,756 items were circulated for the year which is an 4% decrease from this time last year (126,979).



Visits to the library in Aug (16347) decreased by 6% from July (17302) and remained approximately the same as this time last year (16388). By the end of August there were 75,280

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visits to the library since the beginning of the year which was a .5% decrease from the same period last year (75,676).

**Condensation from HVAC Vents** - On Wednesday, September 5, library staff discovered condensation come from HVAC located above the circulation desk, along the driveway wall and in the periodical section. Water was found on some shelves and small areas of the rug between DVD shelving, and also in the periodical area. All books were removed from the top shelves and plastic sheeting was deployed. School officials called in their HVAC technicians. An upgrade to the system will be required to eliminate the condensation. The school district is currently seeking bids. The condensation issue occurred on August 4.

**Summer Volunteers** – The library had 3 volunteers this summer who worked 84.5 hours. The volunteers were utilized mainly to call patrons whose reserved books were ready for pick-up.

**Summer Reading Program** – Of the 43 children who registered for the 2012 Summer Reading Program, 24 actively participated. The children read 518 books and wrote 119 short book reviews for the Kids Book Review page. Children received points for reading books and writing reviews. High scorers received gift certificates to the Paper Peddler.

**August Bay-Atlantic Symphony Concert** – The 2012 Symphony by the Sea series closed with the BAS concert titled *Brahms and Friends*, and featured Russian-American pianist Alexandre Moutouzkine playing Dvorak's Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54. Approximately 650 people attended the concert. The library received help in producing the concert from the Avalon School District, Borough Hall, the Recreation Dept., the Avalon Police Department and the Lions Club. Seven Mile Publishing printed the tickets free of charge for both concerts.

**The Library Helps Borough Promote New Emergency Website** – The library is sponsoring a lecture (September 13) and webinar (September 20) featuring Scott Wahl presenting Avalon's new emergency management website, and reviewing other ways to obtain Avalon-specific information, including how to register your cell phone number for the Reverse 911 system.



**Library at AHLOA's Annual Meeting** - The library had a table at the August 11 AHLOA annual meeting