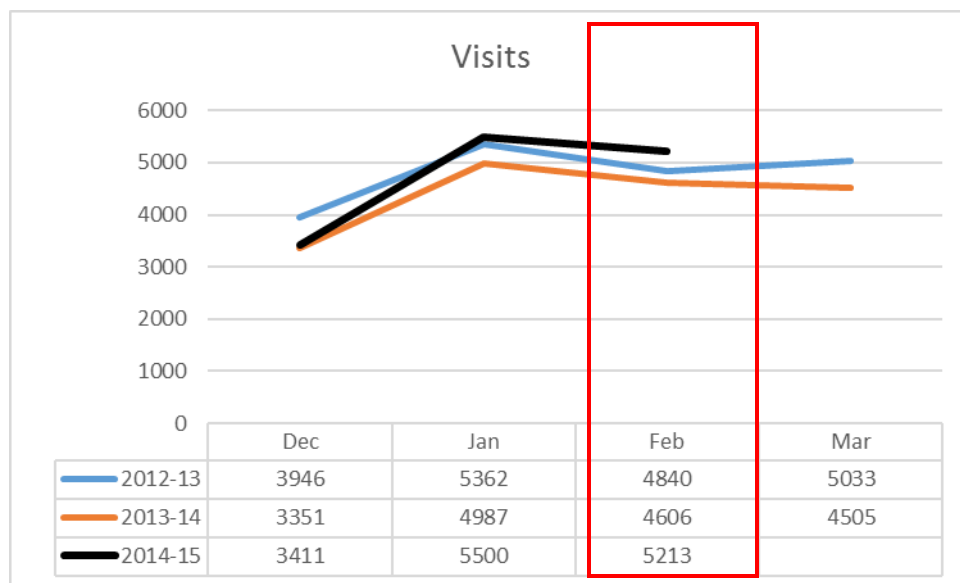
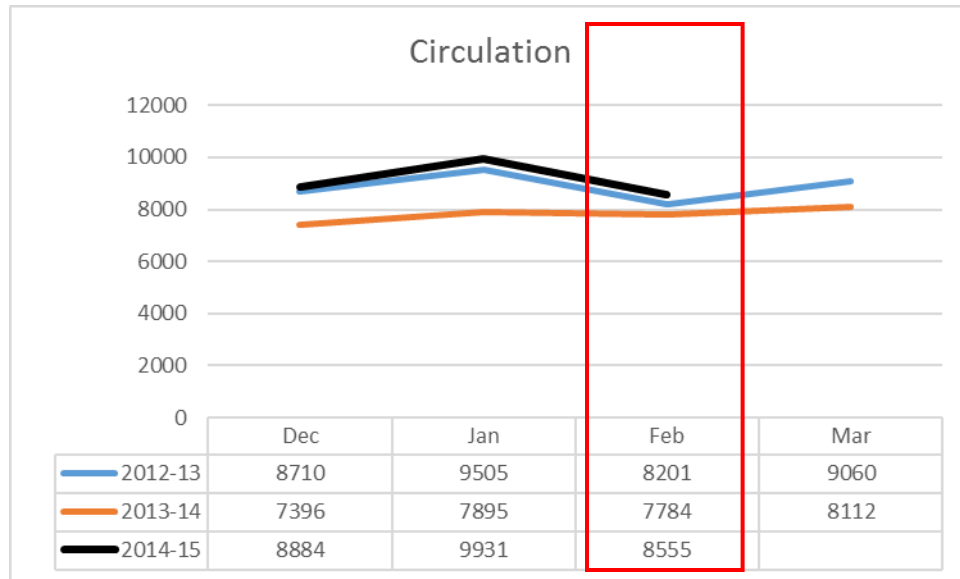


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February's circulation (8555) declined by 14% from January (9931), and increased by 10% from this time last year (7784). By the end of February, the library had circulated 18,486 items since the beginning of the year, an 18% increase during this same time period last year 15,679.



Visits to the library in January (5213) declined by 5% from January (5500), and by 13% from this time last year (4606). By the end of February, there were 10,713 visits to the library, a 12% increase during this same time period last year (9,593)

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Mary Fondi, a retired Kindergarten and elementary school teacher, will be the new Story Time Library Assistant. Although, she will go on the payroll on April 1, Mary, at her own insistence, has volunteered to do story time sessions in March.

During February and March the library experience several weather related disruptions in the schedule. There were early closings on February 17 and 26, and a delayed opening on March 2 and 6. The library was closed March 5. In February, 7 program sessions were cancelled due to weather.

The Library has received permission to digitize a magazine article that Avalon resident Mr. John Fallon wrote about his World War II experiences. "World War II Memories of a Combat Engineer" appeared in the November – December, 2009 edition of *Army Engineer Magazine*. Both the author and the Army Engineer Association which publishes the magazine, provided written permission for digitization and internet distribution.

Preliminary work is being done with regards to a new website for the History Center. The project manager is Nina. Ryan Beebe, with assistance from Shannon and Norman, will oversee the technical and artistic aspects of the website. The Avalonhistorycenter.org domain has been registered for the term of 5 years. Currently the website's extension is .com. The website will be built on the content management platform DNN, which is the same one the library uses. The expertise developed with the library using this platform will benefit the History Center. We are currently trying to identify at least three web-developers with experience with DNN.