June's circulation (18240) increased by 43% from May (12796), and decreased by 13% from this time last year (21062). By the end of April, the library circulated 65319 items year-to-date, a 7% decrease from the same time period last year (70336).



Visits to the library in June (11,400) increased by 36% from May (8363) and decreased by 12% from this time last year (12,917). By the end of May there were 39,276 visits year-to-date which was a 6% decline from this period last year (41,631).



All work on the new circulation desk was completed on June 13.

Working with the State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center, AFPL deliver over 40 mp3 formatted audio books and 4 digital players to the Helen Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children. Additionally, we also supplied from our own collection 53 audio books on both CD's and Playaways.

The Library is now circulating Family passes to WheatonArts in Millville. The passes cover general admission for 2 adults and all children under the age of 18. The pass does not cover admission fees for special events. The 2 passes the library purchased are for use by Avalon property owners / residents only.

The July 3 edition of the Cape May County Herald erroneously listed in the Community Calendar the library's phone number for over 25 events that were not sponsored by the library. These included the Farmer's Market in Ocean City, 4H Club in Court House, Baby Parade in Sea Isle, and Women's Lifeguard Invitational Races in Ocean City to name a few. The Herald blames an automation problem as the culprit.

On Sunday, July 7, the air conditioner was not working. The temperature in the library at opening was 80 degrees. School personnel were called. They discovered the chiller was off.

Once it was turned back on, it took several hours for the library to cool down.

Work on the library's new website is progressing. Last week, members of the staff voted on the conceptual design of the index page. We anticipate beginning to populate the new website with content within the next 3 weeks.



The site features a robust content management system, CMS, which will enable staff members with a minimum of training to manage content on the website.