

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
May 2010

Reference Services & North County Branch

Terry Edwards and Mary Noone-Kozakiewicz are getting their ideas together about the Adult Summer Reading Club and the activities associated with it. Terry is learning about a software program that may help her manage the program more efficiently this year.

Dana Neubauer has been weeding NCB's adult fiction, and is hoping that HCL's 2010 budget will allow her to replace some of the tattered, well-worn novels with pristine new copies.

Terry has instructed Rosemary Francone in troubleshooting for the Overdrive eBooks in case patrons have questions or problems downloading them.

Supervising Librarian Amanda Philipp met with Terry McNeely, Director of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, to discuss how the library can advise the society in its pursuit to catalog and update its holdings records.

Linda Reynolds has been updating the library's genealogy pathfinder, both in print and online. She has also been working on more great displays, including a readers' advisory display complete with handouts next to the reference desk.

Tax time is over! Cindy Knight is inventorying the leftover tax forms before they are recycled. Fewer forms will most likely be ordered next year.

NCB hosted the Hunterdon County Librarians' Association Enthusiastic Reader Awards on May 5th. The event was well attended, and all of the award winners seemed very proud and pleased! A meeting of the association followed.

Polaris

Our free upgrade to Polaris 3.6 is still working well without any major glitches. Communication with Polaris support staff has improved. Staff is finding that they answer any questions we have in a reasonable amount of time. Kristin Momberg, Jennifer Winberry, Julie Hrinjak, and Alison Naftal attended the PUG (Polaris Users Group) meeting in Horsham, Pennsylvania on April 9th to learn more about the 3.6 release and exchange ideas with other Polaris users. It was a very informative event.

Circulation Services

Lee Ann Comella continues to meet on a regular basis with staff at NCB as part of her expanded role as supervisor of Circulation staff at both HQ and NCB.

Technical Services

Technical Services continues to order, receive, catalog and process library materials. Kristin Momberg is continuing to learn Floyd Saums' acquisitions duties. Kristin is also supervising a major weeding project in an effort to provide a fresher, more appealing collection for our patrons. Jennifer Winberry has been making great progress weeding the 900s. Alison Naftal has begun to weed the 300s. She is also learning how to order books on CD, using the acquisitions part of Polaris.

Youth Services

Storytimes for the winter/spring session are over. There were very enthusiastic turnouts for all ages at all locations. This was the last storytime session until Summer Reading Club.

A number of tours took place this month. Three Bridges 1st graders came to HQ every Friday through the beginning of May. Whitehouse 1st graders came to NCB for their annual field trip. Two classes came so far and more are scheduled. Adrienne Gardner hosted a tour of the Headquarters Library for the children of Hunterdon County employees as part of *Take Your Child to Work Day*. The tour kicked off at HQ before heading off to other County departments for the rest of the day.

Teen cafe at NCB held the final *Teen Writing Workshop*. It was a very popular program and we have already had requests to continue it in the fall.

Extension Services

Now that warmer weather has arrived, the Bookmobile has restarted its visits to nursery schools and community events. The Bookmobile went to visit the *Happy Time Preschool* in West Amwell and the *Kiddie Academy* in Lebanon. It also participated in *Basil Bandwagon's Earth Day Festival* where it was a big hit. Someone from Youth Services accompanies the Bookmobile to read stories to the children at each location.

The department is continuing to work on the inventory project, finishing the 600s and moving on to the 700s. They are also assisting in the weeding project, mending and recovering books that are being kept in the collection so the books have a fresh, new look. School services, which were in high demand this year, will be winding down shortly as the end of the school year nears.

Hunterdon County 4-H Clubs

The individual clubs that make up the Hunterdon County 4-H have set up table displays throughout the library during the month of May. This annual exhibit showcases the variety of different clubs offered by 4-H and information on how to join.

Summer Concert Series at HCL

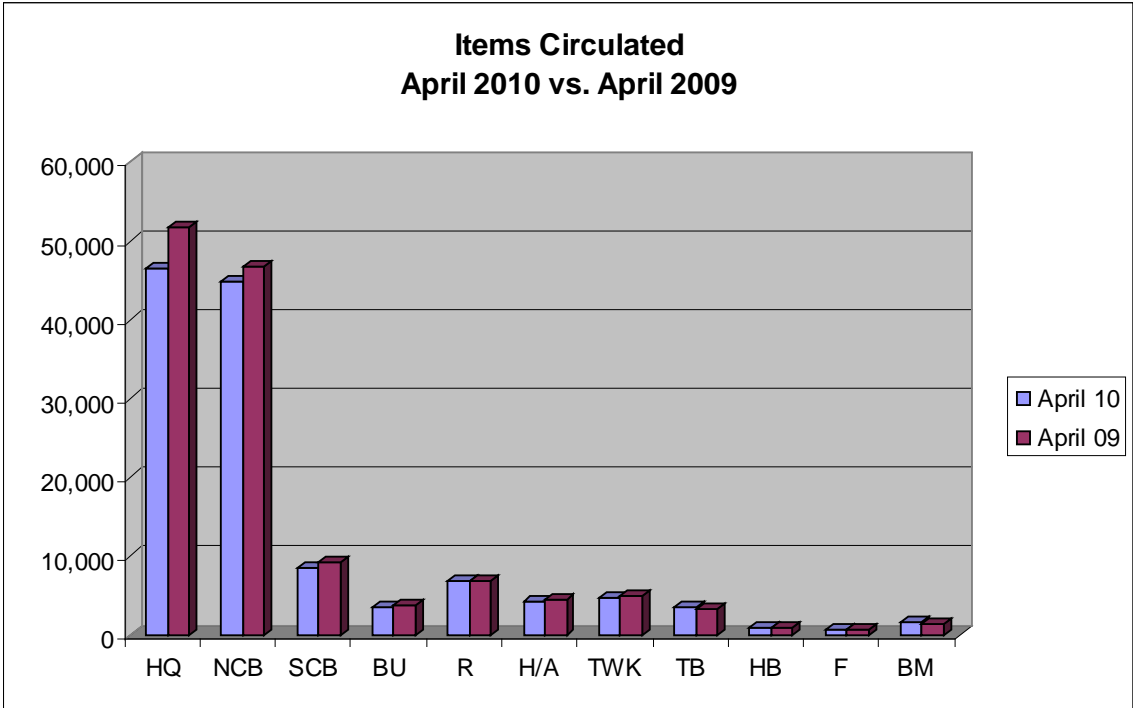
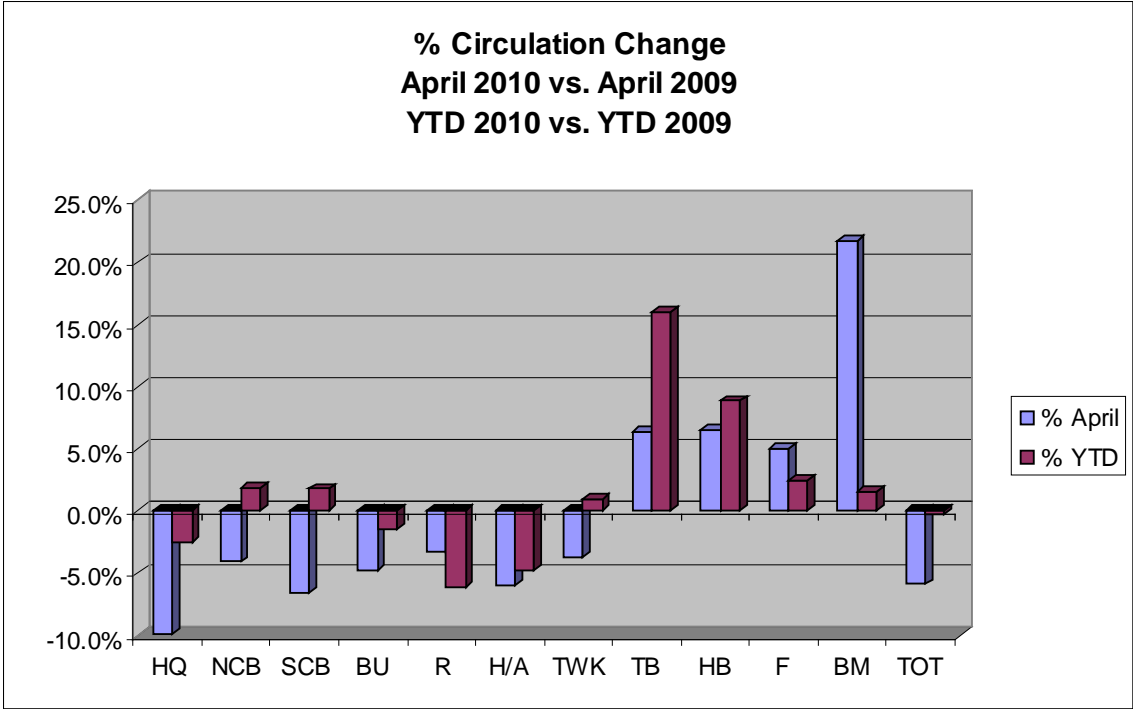
Four outdoor concerts have been planned this summer at the Headquarters Library. *July Swings!* will feature *The Richard Reiter Swing Band* on July 7th and *The Summer Swing Orchestra* on July 28th. *August Rocks!* features *The BassBoards* return to HQ on August 4th and *The Ascension* on August 25th. Patrons are invited to bring blankets or chairs to enjoy the concerts, which will be performed on the outside stage located on the Route 12 side of the Headquarters Library.

Festive Friday is now Wayback Wednesday

Family Night at the Hunterdon County Library will be held on Wednesday, July 21st, with the theme being *The 1950's!* Still in the planning stages, activities will include a DJ, a Twist contest, face painting, themed games and crafts, and a strolling Doo Wop Group.

Circulation Statistics

	April 10	March 10	% Change	April 09	% April	YTD 10	YTD 09	% YTD
HQ	46,538	54,627	-14.8%	51,669	-9.9%	209,077	214,474	-2.5%
NCB	44,734	52,328	-14.5%	46,658	-4.1%	195,634	192,018	1.9%
SCB	8,580	10,228	-16.1%	9,186	-6.6%	38,499	37,828	1.8%
BU	3,526	3,926	-10.2%	3,703	-4.8%	14,548	14,769	-1.5%
R	6,721	7,231	-7.1%	6,951	-3.3%	26,772	28,518	-6.1%
H/A	4,109	4,564	-10.0%	4,373	-6.0%	17,595	18,469	-4.7%
TWK	4,666	5,456	-14.5%	4,847	-3.7%	19,450	19,276	0.9%
TB	3,522	4,032	-12.6%	3,311	6.4%	15,110	13,026	16.0%
HB	996	1,095	-9.0%	935	6.5%	4,023	3,696	8.8%
F	628	811	-22.6%	598	5.0%	2,691	2,627	2.4%
BM	1,680	1,864	-9.9%	1,380	21.7%	6,359	6,261	1.6%
TOT	125,700	146,162	-14.0%	133,611	-5.9%	549,758	550,962	-0.2%



**Items Circulated through end of April
2010 YTD vs. 2009 YTD**

