

ANNUAL REPORT OF ALTAMONT LIBRARY

Altamont Free Library has served the community and countryside for 34 years. Despite unusual changes and varying experiences, the regular program has been carried on and the accustomed advantages of opportunities offered the public.

This report covers the activities of the library for the year 1949. During the year the trustees held two regular meetings. The library trustees are Edwin Fowler, Verner Sharp, Millard Whipple, Mrs. Millard Whipple, Mrs. Millard Frink, Mrs. Luther Secor and Mrs. John Cole. The officers are: President, Edwin Fowler; vice-president, Millard Whipple; secretary, Mrs. John Cole; treasurer, Mrs. Millard Whipple. The library committees are three in number, consisting of a book committee: Miss Ethel Crookes, Mrs. Millard Whipple, Mrs. Harry Weaver, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Mrs. Luther Secor, Mrs. Jeannette Zimmerman, Mrs. John Cole. Finance committee: Verner Sharp, Mrs. Millard Whipple and Edwin Plank. Administration committee: Millard Whipple, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Mrs. Millard Frink and Mrs. Luther Secor.

The trustees are elected by the association at the annual meeting held in January of each year. Trustees are elected for a three year term. The terms of Mrs. John Cole and Mrs. Millard Whipple expired January 1950; the terms of Verner Sharp, Millard Whipple, Mrs. Millard Frink and Mrs. Luther Secor expire January 1951; the term of Edwin Fowler expires January 1952.

During the year 1949 the library was open 97 days. The total circulation of the year was 5696. The adult fiction was 3188. The adult non-fiction was 614. Youth fiction was 977. Youth non-fiction totaled 99. The juvenile fiction record shows 367 and non-fiction of the same classification 11. Magazine circulation was 449. There has been a decrease in circulation due to the fact that the library

was closed for a period of seven days or 28 library hours on account of the change in location from the front to the rear of the present building, and for repairs. The largest number of books was taken out January 28th 61, and February 21st 59. The average circulation per library day was 59. The borrowers list records 451. The number of books added during the year was 114. Of this number 112 were purchased and 2 were gifts. The total book stock now includes 5524 volumes.

The library association has 273 contributors, of whom 216 are members, having given one dollar or more toward library support.

The trustees acknowledge with appreciation the appropriation of the village board for library support; grateful appreciation is extended also to the librarians, Mrs. Harry Weaver and Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, for their splendid service in carrying on the library program; to the solicitors who cooperated so successfully during the annual canvass for funds; also to those whose interest has made it possible to further the efforts to make the library a credit to the community.

The new home of the library in the rear of the building formerly used is commodious, convenient and attractive. The corner devoted to children's books is inviting and the little folk are enjoying their own place. Lighting facilities are improved, making a happy contribution to the general well-being of librarians and patrons. There were no changes in library personnel during the year.

The financial report for the year resulted in receipts of \$940.24, disbursements of \$771.71 with a balance of \$162.53.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John Cole, secretary.

Mrs. Millard Whipple, treasurer.

Mrs. Harry Weaver, librarian.