

ANNUAL REPORT OF ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY FOR 1951

Altamont Free Library completed its 36th year of service in the community. During the past year its normal activities have proceeded with regularity and satisfaction as the mutual helpfulness that has always existed in our library has been continued by those in charge.

This report presents the record of the library for the years 1951. During this period the trustees held two regular meetings. The library trustees are: Edwin Fowler, Verner Sharp, Howard Ogsbury, Arthur Gregg, Mrs. Luther Secor, Mrs. John Cole, Mrs. Joseph Graham. The officers are: President, Edwin Fowler; vice-president, Verner Sharp; secretary, Mrs. John Cole; treasurer, Mrs. Luther Secor.

There are three library committees: Book committee, Miss Ethel Crookes, Mrs. Millard Whipple, Mrs. Luther Secor, Mrs. Harry Weaver, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Mrs. Jeanette Zimmerman, Mrs. John Cole; finance committee, Mrs. Millard Whipple, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Mrs. Luther Secor, Verner Sharp, Howard Ogsbury; administration committee, Arthur Gregg, Verner Sharp, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Millard Whipple, Mrs. Luther Secor, Mrs. Joseph Graham.

The trustees are elected by the association at its annual meeting held in January of each year. Trustees are elected for a term of three years or to fill a vacancy.

The terms of Edwin Fowler and Mrs. Joseph Graham expire in January 1952. The terms of Mrs. John Cole and Arthur Gregg expire in January 1953. The terms of Howard Ogsbury, Mrs. Luther Secor, Verner Sharp expire in January, 1954.

During the year 1951 the library was open 105 days. The total circulation of the year was 5,284. The adult non-fiction was 596. The youth fiction was 967. Non-fiction for the

same group was 109. Magazine circulation was 562. The largest number of books was taken out March 30th, when 86 were withdrawn. The average circulation per library day was 53. The borrowers' list records 614 names. The number of volumes added during the year were 87 by purchase and 17 by donation or gift, increasing the bookstock to 5,709.

The library association has 279 contributors of whom 225 are members having given one dollar or more toward library support.

During the past year several out-of-town friends whose families were associated with the library work have expressed their interest through gifts toward the maintenance of our village library. It creates cordiality in the hearts of those currently carrying on the library program and gives encouragement to their efforts to feel that these no longer near at hand, are nevertheless mindful of this project that was put into operation almost four decades ago. Sometimes we drop in for a little visit with the librarian. She speaks of contacts, relates bits of experiences that have colored her day, increased her ardor for the work. Were these all summed up week by week, month by month, these by-products that enter into her program, what a vital proof would be offered to the worth of our village library as a community asset.

The trustees of Altamont Free Library give appreciative acknowledgement to the village board for the cooperation shown through the appropriation annually made; grateful appreciation to the librarian, Mrs. Harry Weaver, for gracious and devoted service in carrying on the library program; to the solicitors who give time and effort in conducting the annual canvass for funds; to the members of the book committee for their painstaking selection in adding to the bookstock; and to all whose interest and activities have furthered our library program.

The financial report of the year resulted in receipts of \$1,618.18 and disbursements of \$764.44.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. John Cole, secretary.
Mrs. Luther Secor, treasurer.
Mrs. Harry Weaver, librarian.