

Annual Report of The Altamont Free Library

Altamont Free Library has completed its 38th year of service in the community and outlying districts. Through the fellowship with books offered to all who avail themselves of this privilege, it holds a place in the life of the village and vicinity that is most satisfying.

This report presents the record of the library for the year 1953. During this period the trustees held two regular meetings. The library trustees were: Verner Sharp, Arthur Gregg, Edwin Fowler, Howard Ogsbury, Mrs. Luther Secor, Mrs. Joseph Graham and Mrs. Paul Dean. The officers were: President, Verner Sharp; vice president, Arthur Gregg; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Graham; treasurer, Mrs. Luther Secor. There were three library committees: Book committee, Mrs. Jeannette Zimmerman, Mrs. Harry Weaver, Mrs. Joseph Graham, Mrs. Isaac Hungerford, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Mrs. Luther Secor, John Cole, and Mrs. Paul Dean; finance committee, Mrs. Luther Secor, Edwin Fowler, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Verner Sharp, and Howard Ogsbury; administration committee, Arthur Gregg, Verner Sharp, Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, Millard Whipple, and Mrs. Joseph Graham.

The trustees are elected by the association at the 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 Howard Ogsbury, Verner Sharp and Mrs. Luther Secor expire in January, 1954. The terms of Edwin Fowler and Mrs. Joseph Graham expire in January, 1955. The terms of Mrs. Paul Dean and Arthur Gregg expire in January, 1956.

During the year 1953 the library was open 100 days. The total circulation of the year was 6,583. The adult fiction was 2,673; the adult non-fiction, 627. The youth fiction was 1,564; non-fiction, 291. The juvenile fiction was 789; non-fiction, 42. Magazine circulation was 597. The largest number of books was taken out during July in the amount of 739. The average circulation per library day was 65. The borrowers' list records 730 names. The number of books added during the year was 119, increasing the book-stock to 6,522.

The library association has 286 members, having contributed one dollar or more toward library support; and a total of 363 contributors. The American Legion Auxiliary generously contributed \$30 to a special fund for the purchase of a book cart.

The trustees of Altamont Free Library acknowledge with appreciation the cooperation of the Village Board as expressed through the appropriation annually made; grateful appreciation is also extended to the librarian, Mrs. Harry Weaver, for her faithful service; to the solicitors for a very successful annual canvass for funds; and to all whose interest and efforts have furthered the progress of the library's extension work in the community.

The financial report shows receipts of \$1,110.23 and disbursements of \$849.92.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joseph Graham, secretary.