

1974 Annual Report of Altamont Free Library

Since moving into The Bank building in November 1972, the Altamont Library is proud of its increased activity in the community. The eight-member board met five times in 1974. Trustees, the offices they hold and the expiration date of their membership on the board are: Mrs. Edward J. Heins, treasurer, John Cole and Joseph R. Dague, 1975; Mrs. Alton U. Farnsworth, vice-president, and Mrs. Ellsworth Chesebro, 1976; Mrs. D. Wright Westfall, president; Mrs. Augustus Elgie, Jr., secretary, and Oliver H. Day, 1977.

Standing committees for 1974 were: Books, Mrs. Frederick Field, Mrs. Robert Poczik, Mrs. Farnsworth, Roger Keenholts and Mrs. Ruth Painter, librarian; publicity, Mr. Day and Mrs. Painter; property, Mr. Cole and Mr. Dague; administration and finance, Mrs. Westfall, Mr. Cole and Mrs. Heins; historical data, Mrs. Elgie. Mrs. Clarence Gage has been assistant librarian since the resignation of Mrs. Ethel Martin in February.

Circulation and holdings showed a marked increase last year with a book stock of 10,157 circulating 22,017 times; 35 periodicals with circulation of 1,327. The library now owns 590 records which were enjoyed by 1,280 subscribers. A total of 349 requests for special books, films and recordings were handled by the library and the

Upper Hudson Library Federation of which Altamont is a member.

The library board feels that events to attract the youngsters of the area are invaluable. Stewart Linendoll has become the favorite of the three to six year old set at weekly story hours. Story hours are generally held each Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. and Fridays at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Linendoll and Mrs. Thomas Spohr assist in these programs as do many mothers.

Last summer a series of six weekly movies was shown with attendance at times reaching 50 boys and girls. Movies were also shown during school recesses. In August the library participated in the Altamont Fair exhibit based on the theme, "The World Around Us."

The financial report shows receipts of \$15,472.05 and disbursements of \$11,794.10.

Library hours follow: Monday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.; Wednesday 10 a. m. to noon, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.; Friday, 2 to 9 p. m., and Saturday 10 a. m. to noon.

The board is grateful to its staff and the volunteers who add so much to library activities, and to the Town of Guilderland, Village of Altamont and Upper Hudson Library Federation for financial assistance to make it all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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President.

THELMA M. HEINS,
Treasurer.