

1976

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY**

The Altamont Library completed its 60th year in 1976, and celebrated the event along with our country's 200th birthday, and report our activities and events for the year 1976.

The nine-member Board met six times during the year.

Trustees, the offices they hold, and expiration date of their membership on the board are:

Mrs. Edward J. Heins, treasurer; John Cole and Joseph R. Dague (1978); Mrs. D. Wright Westfall, president, Mrs. Thelma Elgie and O.H. Day, vice president (1977); Mrs. Marion Keenholts, secretary, Mrs. Thomas Spohr, Stewart Linendoll and Frances Farnsworth (1979).

Standing committees in 1976 were: Book — Jean Field, Ruth Painter, Frances Farnsworth, Roger Keenholts, and Pat Spohr. Publicity — Pat Spohr and Ruth Painter. Publicity — J.R. Dague and Stewart Linendoll. Administration and finance—J. Westfall, Thelma Heins, and John Cole. Historical — Marion Keenholts.

Circulation and holdings are as follows: 7,572 adult books with circulation of 14,302; juvenile books 3,410 — circulation 6,564. Our record library consists of 610 — circulation 656. Thirty four periodicals with circulation of 1,368. A total of 644 requests for books from the Upper Hudson Federation and a bulk loan from them of 1,202 books. Total circulation figure 23,128. Our paperback collection numbers 750.

The story hour every Friday at 3:30 P.M. continued to attract the younger generation. Movies were also shown in the spring and at vacation time.

The residents of Helderberg House browsed among the books and magazines every Wednesday

morning, and they enjoyed several movies.

A new innovation was introduced whereby we started a coupon exchange; also patterns and jigsaw puzzles are available to the public.

The Trustees attended a workshop in October at the new Empire State Plaza. The theme of the workshop was the library's greater involvement in community affairs; the use of the library for community functions. Following the workshop there was a guided tour of the new Plaza complex.

Also in October the Board mourned the passing of Ina Chesbro, honorary trustee and a devoted member of the Board for 47 years, including serving as treasurer, assistant librarian, and on the finance and book committees.

The library celebrated its 60th anniversary on October 17 with a silver tea, at which maps of old Altamont were available, and they have proved a popular item, requests for same coming from as far away as Illinois, California, and Indiana.

The financial reports showed receipts of \$15,853.60 and disbursements of \$13,063.45.

Library hours are as follows: Monday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M.; Wednesdays, 10 to noon, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 to noon.

The Board is most appreciative of the efforts and loyalty of its staff and volunteers who contribute so much to the success of our library and also expresses its grateful thanks to the Town of Guilderland, Village of Altamont, and Upper Hudson Library Federation for their financial assistance.

MARION G. KEENHOLTS,
Secretary

THELMA HEINS,
Treasurer