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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY

The Altamont Library herewith reports activities and events for the year 1977.

The eight-member Board met four 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, vice president (1980); Mrs. Thomas Spohr, Stewart Linendoll, and Mrs. Marion Keenholtz, secretary (1979).

Standing committees in 1977 were: Book — Jean Field, Ruth Painter, Roger Keenholtz, Pat Spohr, and Evelyn Gage. Publicity — Pat Spohr and Ruth Painter. Property — J. R. Dague and S. Linendoll. Executive — J. Westfall, Thelma Heins, M. Keenholtz, and T. Elgie. Historical — M. Keenholtz.

Circulation and holdings are as follows: 7,683 adult books with circulation of 14,299; juvenile books 3,437 — circulation 6,071. Our record library consists of 605 — circulation 746. 32 periodicals — circulation 1,263. A total of 714 requests for books from the Upper Hudson Library Federation and a bulk loan from them of 1,158 books. Total circulation figure — 22,798. Our paperback collection numbers 604.

The financial reports showed receipts of \$16,751.14 and disbursements of \$12,903.36.

An Open House was held in April, at which the Ladies Quilting Club presented the Altamont Bicentennial Quilt to the Library. Proceeds from the Silver Tea were turned over to the fund for the

Gazebo to be built in the Village Park.

In May the Library had a very successful Book Sale, well attended on a beautiful spring day, and we look forward to making this an annual event.

Fridays at 3:30 the younger generation flocks to the Story Hour, presided over by Stewart Linendoll and volunteers.

Flag Day, the Library participated in the celebration held on the grounds of the Elementary School and sold books and paperbacks.

The Continuing Education class from the High School displayed their paintings during the year at the Library and paintings by Leslie Simmons, Beverly Carhart, Doris Kirk, and Mrs. Watt were also on exhibition.

The residents of Helderberg House came to the Library every Wednesday to browse through the books and magazines and enjoyed several films.

In August the Library had a display of Christmas crafts and craft books in keeping with the Christmas theme at the Altamont Fair.

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.; Fridays, 2 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 10 to noon.

The Board expresses its appreciation to the Town of Guilderland, Village of Altamont, and Upper Hudson Library Federation for their continued financial assistance, and to our Library staff and volunteers whose efforts and loyalty contribute so much to the success of the Library. Our grateful thanks to all.

MARION G. KEENHOLTZ,
Secretary

THELMA HEINS,
Treasurer