

1979

**ANNUAL REPORT
ALTAMONT LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION**

RESOLUTION: It is with regret and deep sorrow that the Board of Trustees of the Altamont Library Association records the passing of our Secretary, Marion G. Keenholts. As a member of the Library Board, she gave wholeheartedly of her experience, wisdom and counsel. We mourn our loss and dedicate to her memory the following annual report, taken from the 1979 minutes recorded by our late Secretary.

The Trustees of Altamont Library are proud to present a 63rd annual report. Founded in 1916, the Library offers an ever increasing contribution to the educational, vocational and leisuretime needs of area residents.

Trustees, the offices they hold and expiration date of their membership on the Board are: Mrs. A. Elgie, Jr., Vice President and Mrs. D. Wright Westfall, President (1980); Mrs. Edward Heins, Secretary and Joseph R. Dague (1981); Porter Bidleman, Mrs. Frederick Keenholts, Secretary and Mrs. Thomas Spohr (1982). Meetings were held four times during the year.

Standing Committees were: Book, Jean Field, Ruth Painter, Roger Keenholts, Pat Spohr and Evelyn Gage; Publicity, Pat Spohr and Ruth Painter; Property, Joseph Dague and Porter Bidleman; Executive, Jessie Westfall, Thelma Heins and Marion Keenholts; Administration and Finance, Jessie Westfall, Thelma Heins and Thelma Elgie; Historical, Marion Keenholts.

Circulation and holdings are as follows: 11,567 books with total circulation of 14,553; 706 records - 452 circulation; periodicals and newspapers 28 - 1276 circulation; puzzles 47 - 38 circulation. 548 specific book requests from the

Upper Hudson Library Federation were handled together with a bulk book loan of 1,008. The Federation also furnished 138 films for the Library.

The 1979 financial reports show receipts of \$20,145.34 and disbursements of \$16,075.86.

A Great Books group was formed during the year and met regularly with a member leading the discussion.

Friday afternoon films for youngsters has become a regular function of the Library. This year using the theme "Fall Holidays", books and centerpieces were displayed at the Altamont Fair. George Ward presented a concert to a capacity crowd; the works of local artists are displayed frequently. Once again librarians from other Federation libraries visited Altamont to preview children's films.

The Trustees extend appreciation to the Altamont Elementary School children who donated funds raised at their annual fair for purchase of the new Library sign. For the first time in our history, newcomers to the village will have no difficulty in locating the library.

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

The Board appreciates its close relationship with the Upper Hudson Library Federation and its Directing Librarian, Edgar Tompkins. It is proud of its staff, Ruth Painter and Evelyn Gage, and the many volunteers who are so faithful in the operation of our Library. The on-going support of the Village of Altamont and the Town of Guilderland makes all these functions possible. We are indeed, grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie L. Westfall, President
Thelma M. Heins, Secretary