

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY
1980**

The Altamont Free Library herewith reports activities and events for the year 1980.

The Trustees, the offices they hold and the expiration date of their membership on the board are: President, Mrs. D. Wright Westfall, 1983; Vice President, Mrs. A. Elgie, Jr., 1983; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Heins, 1981; Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Spohr, 1982; Joseph R. Dague, 1981; Porter Bidleman, 1982; Doris Kirk and Emma White, 1983.

Meetings were held 3 times during the year.

Standing Committees are: Publicity: Doris Kirk, Ruth Painter, Historian: Emma White. Maintenance: Porter Bidleman and Joseph Dague. Administration and Finance: Jesse Westfall, Thelma Heins and Thelma Elgie. Book Selection: Pat Spohr, Ruth Painter, Roger Keenholts and Jean Fields.

Circulation and holdings are as follows: 11,706 books, with a total circulation of 15,421. Records 718 with a circulation of 269. Periodicals, magazines and newspapers 22 total, with a circulation of 960. 441 specific book requests from the Upper Hudson Library Federation were handled together with a bulk loan of 1,016 books. The Federation furnished us with 185 specific film requests. Puzzles, pamphlets and paperback also account for a total circulation of 17,105 books.

The 1980 Financial report shows receipts of \$19,932.60 and disbursements of \$16,397.71.

Friday afternoon film series were popular with the young people of our community during the spring and summer.

1980 saw a change in our book sale procedure. We held an

on-going sale in the vestibule of the library in lieu of a large one day sale.

An interesting and informative slide program on "Landscaping" was presented in March by Ernie Walk, Master Gardener at Albany Co. Cooperative Extension.

The Library hosted visitors from our local nursery school in June. They enjoyed a storytime at the conclusion of their visit.

We enjoyed exhibits of oil paintings by local artists; Elvena Vroman, Louis Pelky and Doris Kirk.

The Altamont Library was once again invited to participate in a display at the Altamont Fair.

1980 also saw the installation of a computer terminal in our library, which speeds the requests for books, since it provides instant information on the availability of books from the Upper Hudson Library Federation.

The Library was the recipient of a number of gift books and memorial donations during 1980. For these we are grateful.

Library Hours are as follows: Monday 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.; Friday 2-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-12 noon.

The board appreciates its close association with the Upper Hudson Library Federation. We are ever mindful of the work of our staff Ruth Painter and her assistant Lois Coons and the many volunteers who are so faithful in their work for the successful operation of our library. We also express our thanks and appreciation to the Town of Guilderland and the Village of Altamont for their support and financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Spohr, Secretary
Thelma Heins, Treasurer
(March 13)