

1983
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY

The Altamont Free Library completed its 67th year in 1983 and report our activities and events for the year 1983.

The eight-member board of Trustees met four time during the year. The trustees, the offices they hold, and the expiration date of their membership on the Board are: Mrs. Augustus Elgie, Vice-President; Mrs. James Kirk, Mrs. Wilbur White, Mrs. Galen Fleck (all 1983); Mr. Joseph R. Dague, Treasurer; Mrs. Edwin Meins (both 1984); Mrs. Thomas Spohr, President; Mrs. Harold Hughes, Secretary (both 1985); Mrs. Charles Benson (1986).

Standing committees of the board of Trustees were: Book selection, Jean Field, Roger Keenholts, Lois Coons, Ruth Painter and Mary Hughes; Publicity, Doris Kirk; Administration and Finance, Pat Spohr, Thelma Elgie and Rod Dague; Historical, Emma White; Property and Maintenance, Thelma Meins.

Circulation and holdings are as follows: 8,554 adult books with circulation of 9,666; 3,613 juvenile books with circulation of 5,389; 702 records with circulation of 419; 35 periodicals and newspapers with circulation of 1,414. Bulk loans of books and specific requests to the Upper Hudson Library Federation totalled 1,357. Total circulation in 1983 was 16,929. The Upper Hudson Library Federation supplied us with 138 films.

The Story and Craft Hour, held each Thursday afternoon by Estner Goodfellow and Lucille Willenbrandt, continues to attract a large group of youngsters, aged 5 years and up. The introduction of an occasional craft project along

with a story has proven popular with the children.

Movies were held each Friday after school, as well as during summer vacation and some holidays.

The Library has continued to maintain a booth at the flower building during the annual Altamont Fair to acquaint our residents and neighbors of the services afforded by the Library.

The copy machine, acquired in 1982, has enjoyed considerable use by the public.

The books sale held in conjunction with the Apple Festival, was aided by the following young members of the community: Jeremy Spohr, Allan, Tara and Ralph Camardo, Larry Adams, Roger and John Ginder and Chuck's Lamite. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Mark Van Wormer, photographer in residence at the Upper Hudson Library Federation, presented a program entitled Photography, A Way of Seeing, in May.

Retiring Board member Jessie Westfall Fleck, who had served for over 30 years, was honored at a luncheon in November, and was given a plaque attesting to her dedication and interest. Besides President Pat Spohr, Mayor James Caruso, past Mayors Ned Sanford, and Lloyd Briggs, expressed their appreciation for Jessie's many services to the Library.

A display case given to the Library by the family of the late Helen Becker was dedicated at an open house in December. The Altamont Garden Club and Girl Scout Troop No. 69, led by Judy Ross, decorated the Library for the Christmas season. Marjorie Bernhardt, Helen Becker's sister, provided an interesting selection of her mouse characters for the display case. The Library invites our residents and neighbors to use the display

case to show crafts and hobbies.

The Library had total receipts of \$ 17,763.40 in 1983 and total disbursements of \$ 19,948.10.

Library hours are as follows: 10 A.M. to Noon Monday through Saturday, 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Thursday, 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. Fridays and 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Monday and Wednesday.

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

MARY R. HUGHES,
Secretary