

1985 ANNUAL REPORT

The Altamont Free Library located in the lower level of the Key Bank building on Park Street and a member of the Upper Hudson Library Federation presents its annual report.

The Library is governed by an eleven member Board of Trustees which serves voluntarily for three ^{year} terms. Board members and dates their terms expire are: Mrs. Wilbur White, Mrs. Thelma Elgie, Mrs. James Kirk and Mrs. Charles Benson (1986); Mrs. Paul Goodfellow, Mrs. Edwin Heins, Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mr. Joseph Dague and Mr. James Yohey (1987); Mrs. Thomas Spohr and Mrs. Harold Hughes (1988).

Officers for 1985 were:

President	-	Mrs. Thomas Spohr
Vice President	-	Mrs. Charles Benson
Treasurer	-	Mr. Joseph Dague

Library affairs were handled by the following committees:

Administration and Finance: Mrs. Thomas Spohr, Mrs. Charles Benson and Mr. Joseph Dague;

Property and Maintenance: Mrs. Thelma Elgie and Mrs. Thelma Heins;

Book Selection: Librarian Ruth Painter and Jean Field;

Publicity: Ruth Painter and ~~Mrs. Paul Goodfellow~~;

Historian: Mrs. Wilbur White.

uncatalogued paperbacks Circulation for 1985 was *18,398*. *There were 887* *uncatalogued paperbacks which were circulated in 1985.* *and* Book holdings increased to *12,703 volumes.*

Ruth Painter has been Librarian since November 1967.
Ethel Martin is her assistant.

The Library is open ~~3~~ hours a week. The hours are:

10 a.m. - 12 noon	Monday through Saturday
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Monday through Thursday
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Friday
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Monday and Wednesday

Purchase of a set of World Book Encyclopedia, an electric typewriter, a calculator and an Apple IIe Computer were made this year, the latter with the assistance of a special contribution from ~~the Village of Altamont~~ and the Apple Festival Committee. The computer validating ~~was~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} seen and those people of 4th grade age and up completing a one-evening course will be permitted to use it. We are grateful to Stewart Linindoll and Peter Rawitsch for volunteering their time and expertise in this matter. Software on hand consists of Bank Street Writer, Logo, Sticky Little Bear and Print Shop.

The Library sponsored a Candidates Night, contributed an exhibit at the annual Altamont Fair, held a Computer Open House and continued Story Hour, Craft Time for Tots and Friday Films for youngsters.

Visitors to the Library will enjoy seeing collections^{on} exhibit in our display case as well as paintings by local artists. Our book sale is an on-going event in the vestibule of the library.

The Board is grateful to Girl Scout Troop #654 for holding the Christmas Craft time for children of Kindergarten age through 4th Grade.

We appreciate Carol Hamblin, Guilderland Librarian,
speaking to us about Computers and their Use in the Public Library.

~~The Financial report shows receipts of
and disbursements of~~

The Library received several cash gifts in 1985.

The Board expresses its appreciation to the Village of
Altamont, the Town of Guilderland 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 thanks to all.

Mary R. Hughes
Acting Secretary