

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY
1986

The Altamont Library completed its 70th year in 1986 and reports its activities and events for the year.

Its fifteen-member board of trustees met nine times in 1986. The board members and the offices they held during the year are:

Co-Presidents - Esther Goodfellow (term expires 1987)
Joan Benson (term expires 1989)
Treasurer - James Yohey (term expires 1987)
Rod Dague (term expires 1987)
Secretary: Mary Hughes (term expires 1988)
Board Members - Doris Kirk, Emma White, Thelma Elgie
(terms expire 1989)
Carroll Martin (term expires 1987)
Pat Spohr (term expires 1988)
Martha Gallup, Yvonne Berschwinger,
Yvette Terplack, Pat Perfetto and
Merritt Glennon (terms expire 1989).

Standing Committees were:

Administration and Finance - Joan Benson, Esther
Goodfellow and Jim Yohey
Property - Joan Benson and Jim Yohey
Book Selection - Ruth Painter, Carroll Martin and
Jean Field
Historian - Emma White

Publicity - Pat Perfetto and Yvonne Berschwinger

Display Case - Esther Goodfellow.

Librarian Ruth Painter reports the circulation and holdings for the year were as follows:

Circulation - 16, 781 volumes

Bookholdings - 12, 987 volumes.

This indicates a substantial increase in circulation over last year. Circulation of non-book items, such as video cassettes, films, magazines and records, was 2,324 items.

The library has gained 200 new memberships.

Several interesting exhibits in our display case drew favorable comment. We encourage anyone having collections or hobbies they would like to share to call the library.

Craft days have been held several times this past year, the most popular one being a "Teddy Bear Picnic". The children participating were asked to bring their teddy bears and along with their "pets" were served refreshments in the park, made jointed bears and saw the movie "Paddington Bear".

Thelm Heins resigned from the Board of Trustees after serving for more than 25 years. Her dedication and service were noted by the Board and gift and letter of appreciation were presented to her. This kind of loyalty, interest and dedication is needed if our program is to continue. The Board deeply appreciates the assistance provided by the many volunteers who have helped to make our program successful. Volunteers staff the pre-school story hour, the craft days and story hours for elementary grade children as well as the

computer validation course.

The Library received donations of books, paper-backs and cash during the year, for which the Board is most grateful. Some of these books and paper-backs go into our permanent collection and some to our on-going used book sale, held in the vestibule of the Library.

Video cassettes, records and large-print books, talking books and periodicals continue to be of interest to many. Book requests to the Upper Hudson Library Federation, of which we are a member, are received on a regular basis. Over 300 books, cassettes, records and films have been borrowed through UHLF.

Films are shown at the Library on Friday afternoons during the summer months.

The Xerox machine, which may be used for a fee of 10 cents per page copied, is in steady use.

A special story hour was held in the Library last summer. On hand to entertain the children was professional story teller Paula Shaffer Sokaris.

The Altamont Library was invited, once again, to participate in an exhibit at the Flower and Art Building during the 1986 Altamont Fair.

Mr. Edward Barry, from the New York State Education Department, spoke to the Board in December concerning library development.

The financial report for the year 1986 showed receipts of \$ 25,576 and disbursements of \$ 23,908

We are proud of our library facilities and are most grateful for financial assistance from the Village of Altamont, the Town of Guilderland, the Upper Hudson Library Federation, and

and residents and patrons, who have helped to make the year 1986 successful. The Trustees thank our Librarian, Ruth Painter, and her assistant Ethel Martin for their friendliness and efficiency in carrying out the Library's program.

Hours for the Library are:

Monday through Friday, 10 to 12 AM and 1 to 4 PM

Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 8 PM

Saturday, 10 to 12 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hughes
Mary R. Hughes, Secretary