

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY
1987

The Altamont Library completed its 71st year in 1987 and reports its activities for the year.

The Library Board, consisting of 15 members, met 12 times during the year. The board members and the offices they held in 1987 are:

President-	Merritt Glennon (term expires 1989)
Vice-President-	Patricia Spohr (term expires 1988)
Secretary -	Mary Hughes (term expires 1988)
Treasurer -	James Yohey (term expires 1990)
Board Members -	Joan Benson, Thelma Elgie, Martha Gallup, Doris Kirk, Patricia Perfetto, Yvette Terplack, Emma White (terms expire 1989) Gail Addyman, Yvonne Berschwinger, Esther Goodfellow, Judy Stevens (terms expire 1990).

Standing Committees were:

Administration and Finance - Merritt Glennon, Patricia Spohr, James Yohey

Property and Maintenance - James Yohey

Book Selection - Ruth Painter, Martha Gallup, Jean Field

Publicity - Ruth Painter, Pat Perfetto

Historian - Joan Benson.

Other Committees were:

Program and Activities - Pat Perfetto and Esther
Goodfellow

By-Laws - Yvette Terplack and Judy Stevens

Display Case - Esther Goodfellow

Fair Exhibit - Ruth Painter, Doris Kirk, Thelma Elgie

Altamont Centennial Committee Representatives - Thelma
Elgie and Mary Hughes.

Yvonne Berschwinger and Emma White resigned from the board in December, 1987. The board appreciates the time and energy they have given to the Library during their terms.

The financial report for the year showed receipts of \$ 32,417 and disbursements of \$ 32,417 .

Librarian Ruth Painter reports the circulation and holdings as follows: Book holdings - 12, 935; Circulation - 21, 129.

The Library belongs to the Upper Hudson Library Federation, which made available special book requests, as well as video cassettes, large print books and talking books. The UHLF, a library system receiving state assistance, aids us in outreach programs such as E.S.L., Grants, collection development and training. Our members have attended training institutes for library directors and trustees which were sponsored by the UHLF.

A grant from the New York State Council for the Arts enabled us to carry out ^{an}and ^eintresting and varied program

during the year. Our activities have included an investment seminar, a baby-sitting workshop, a magic evening in the Village Park, Animals Nobody Loves, a puppet show, an evening of folk songs, craft and story hours, a program on dinosaurs, and a Celtic harpist, to name but a few.

Our on-going programs, including the computer training course, story hours for toddlers, and craft and story hours for elementary school children, are conducted with the assistance of volunteers from the community, to whom the board is most grateful.

Gratitude is also due those who shared their collections and hobbies with the Library by exhibiting them in our display case; to those who presented memorial gifts of books and money; and to those who supplied good used books for our continuous sale in the lobby of the Library.

At the Altamont Fair in August, we provided an exhibit featuring the Bicentennial of the American Constitution, and during American History Week, we displayed a collection of ancient documents.

The Xerox copier and Apple computer are in frequent use. The October snow storm and ensuing flood required the purchase of a dehumidifier to dry out the rugs and books in the Library. We are grateful for the help given during this emergency by the members of our local 4-H Club, who aided us in moving book and equipment from the rising water. A heater and cassette player, as well as books and periodicals, were purchased during the year.

The development and expansion of our programs, the adoption of new by-laws and provision for funding the Library in the future have been major concerns for the board during 1987. The Library receives its major funding from the Town of Guilderland, the Village of Altamont, and the Upper Hudson Library Federation. For this contribution to our program, the board is most grateful. We also wish to thank the volunteers who have helped us with several of the programs mentioned earlier, as well as Ruth Painter, our Librarian, and Ethel Martin, her assistant, who together have made the Library a special, interesting and pleasant place to visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary R. Hughes, Secretary