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**ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY**

Altamont, N. Y. 12009

ANNUAL REPORT, 1988

The Altamont Free Library reviews 1988, its 74th year of service to the Village of Altamont and the hilltowns.

The library board consists of 15 members, who met monthly throughout the year. Executive Board members for 1988 were: Merritt Glennon, president (term expires 1989); Pat Spohr, vice president (term expired 1988); Yvette Terplak (term expires 1989), taking over as treasurer mid-year from Jim Yohey; Mary Hughes, recording secretary (term expired 1988); Gayle Addyman, corresponding secretary (term ends 1990).

Board members were Joan Benson, Martha Gallup, Pat Perfetto, Thelma Elgie (these members' terms expire 1989), Esther Goodfellow, Jim Yohey (whose terms expire 1990) and Meg Hughes, Maxine Hoover, Linda Bernardi and David Grapka, (whose terms expire in 1991).

On standing committees were: Budget and Finance, Yvette Terplak, Jim Yohey, Gayle Addyman, and Pat Spohr; building and maintenance, Mary Hughes and Pat Spohr; publicity, Meg Hughes; book selection, Linda Bernardi, Pat Perfetto, Ruth Painter, Martha Gallup and Jean Field. Joan Benson was the library historian.

Serving on other committees were: Programs and activities, Esther Goodfellow, Pat Perfetto, Judy Stevens; and Meg Hughes; memorial committee Mary Hughes and Esther Goodfellow; display case, Esther Goodfellow; fair exhibit, Joan Benson, Pat Spohr, and Yvette Terplak. Thelma Elgie, Mary Hughes and Martha Gallup are the library representatives to the Altamont Centennial Committee.

Judy Stevens and Doris Kirk resigned in 1988. The Board appreciates the time and effort they have given to the library throughout their terms.

The year saw the library expand its hours and variety of programs and services offered to the community. The library is now open from 9a.m. - 12 noon on Monday-Saturday, 1 p.m. - 4p.m. on Monday - Friday and from 6p.m. - 8p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings. A survey was written and shared with community groups and visitors to the library. This will be reviewed and put into action in 1989.

Some of the activities and programs scheduled throughout 1988 included performances by Susan Trump, folksinger, a poetry workshop with Marni Schwartz, a puppet show by the Bennington Puppets, a program by Quindtesence, the Albany Symphony woodwind quintet, mime by the Kuperberg-Morris Mime Theatre and a sculpture workshop with Wayne Trimm. These programs were made possible in part by a grant from The New York State Council of the Arts, Arts Decentralization program. The library also received a Meet the Composer grant, making it possible to present singer, storyteller Fred Gee. These programs were free and open to the public. The library applied for and has received another decentralization grant for 1989 and looks forward to bringing a wide variety of performing artists and art activities for children and adults throughout the coming year.

Some other activities presented were: a babysitting course for teenagers, and the Mystery in the Library Reading Program. The library made its walls available to local artists interested in exhibiting their work. The library also set up a "libraries Are Forever" display at the Altamont Fair. Our copier has received regular use this year as well. The library encouraged young authors in 1988, awarding prizes to Altamont Elementary students who participated in the district-wide Constitutional Essay contest.

Regular library programs continued in 1988 including a weekly pre-school storytime, computer access and validation course and story and craft hours for children. These activities were made possible with assistance of volunteers from the community to whom the board is most grateful.

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Gratitude is also due those who shared their collections and hobbies by exhibiting them in our display case, to those who presented memorial gifts of books and money, and to those who supplied quality used books for our on-going sale in the library lobby.

The financial report of the year showed receipts of \$ 30,090.29 and disbursements of \$ 30,358.91.

Librarian Ruth Painter reports circulation and holding figures as follows: book holdings, 9,315 adult book titles and 3,885 juvenile book titles; circulation of juvenile books (this includes easy reading, picture books and young adult titles), 9,895; adult books 8,133; periodicals 1,657; videos 890. Total circulation of books, periodicals and videos, 20,575.

The library is a member of the Upper Hudson Library Federation System, which makes available books upon request as well as providing video tapes, large print books and talking books. The UHLF, a library system receiving state assistance aids us in our outreach programs such as English as a Second Language, grants, collection development and training. The UHLF funded a program of reading enrichment and remedial instruction during the summer of 1988. Board members have attended training institutes for trustees and staff sponsored by UHLF.

The continued development of new programs and activities, along with a consistent effort to meet the needs of the community have been major goals during 1988. The library is helped with these goals from its sources of major funding; the Town of Guilderland, the Village of Altamont and the UHLF. For this contribution to our program the board is most grateful. We also wish to thank the many volunteers who have helped throughout the year, as well as Ruth Painter our librarian. We hope, with all our efforts that the Altamont Free Library continues to be a special and interesting place to visit.