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# ALTAMONT FREE LIBRARY

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The Altamont Free Library added three hours a week to its schedule in 1996. Funding for the pilot year of this increased service was through a legislative initiative grant for \$1800. The library is now open 9 to 5 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 2 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and Monday and Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30, a total of 43 hours

In 1996, the library made the commitment to become an on-line library and entered into agreement with UHLS to join the UHLAN system. While there is still a possibility that the library may locate eventually to larger and more accessible quarters, the staff is pursuing ways of increasing the public access in the present site. We expect that electronic access will be a facet of our continuing effort to improve our service to our community. We still provide delivery of materials to the home-bound and the Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Summer reading again drew about 70 registrants with 30 to 50 children participating every week. Our Arts in the Park summer series of concerts drew approximately 250.

Our participation as a lender to other libraries increased dramatically in 1996. We expect that it will increase again when we come on-line in 1997. The library holdings are being brought up-to-date and added to.