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The Altamont Free Library expanded its collection in 1999. by adding 1361 new books, CD's, audio and video cassettes. Despite rejection by the State Department of Education of the library's request to extend its chartered area to include the Town of Knox, Altamont continued to serve the wider community. 588 of 1246 registered borrowers reside outside the village limits. The library was visited 18,865 times last year. The staff answered 1194 reference questions. Circulation totaled 23,467 items and 3978 items were used in the library without being borrowed.

Ninety-five programs for children were attended by 1247 people. 136 people attended 26 programs held for adults including a six week parenting class provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension and meetings of two book discussion groups.

The library received \$30,000 from the Town of Guilderland, \$21,00⁰ from the village of Altamont and \$1300 from Knox. State aid to the library was \$2372. The rest of the library revenue came from donations, library charges, fund-raising and the national E-rate grant ~~from~~ ^{for} telecommunications. Total library revenues were \$67,916. Planned revenue was \$65,850.

Library expenditures totaled \$64,676^{125,162}. Planned expenditures were \$65,850⁸⁵⁰. Staff costs were \$40,963^{42,050}. New library materials cost \$8971. Building costs and telecommunications charges were \$5315. Fees for the UHLAN network were \$1800 and \$2678 was spent to upgrade our computer equipment. Fund-raising dollars will be designated by the Board of Trustees for the library building fund. A building fund report will be made at

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a later date.

The library came close to parity in interlibrary loan, borrowing 1055 items and lending 827. Patrons from other libraries also used our collection by borrowing directly. The library was open 42 hours a week in 1999 increasing to 44 in 2000.

The trustees for the Altamont Free Library are Christine Capuano, Joan Gage, Judy Rothstein, Jean Forti, Lori Walrath, Walt Fuller, Joe Giambo, Peg Jones, Sue Jones, Lynne Strnad and Pat Sophr.

The staff members are Helen King, Thelma Elgie, Ann Cartmell, Ruth Painter, Margaret Gardam, Adriene Bush, Andrea Dean and

Jeremy Rue.

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