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**Altamont Free Library**  
**105 Park Street PO Box 662**  
**Altamont, New York 12009**  
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The Altamont Free Library celebrated its 84<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2001. It was chartered with New York State on July 19, 1917.

The Library continues to provide service to the Village of Altamont, approximately one-fifth of the population of the Town of Guilderland and the Town of Knox. Registered borrowers totaled 1,373. Registered non-resident borrowers totaled 634. Approximately 58% of the registered borrowers live within the village proper.

In 2001, 18,359 people visited the library. The library staff answered reference 1,491 questions. Computer use sessions totaled 1,560. Adult and children's programs totaled 107 sessions for the year with attendance of 1,033.

The library added new items to the collection. After withdrawing worn and outdated materials, our holdings were 12,759 items. Our collection size is limited by the available space – 1,800 square feet. In addition to the materials that are available here in the library, we have access to materials through interlibrary loan. The Upper Hudson Library System, which services Albany and Rensselaer Counties, provides the database that is used to order the 1,216 items that we borrowed for patrons in 2001. We lent 891 items to libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties in 2001. The library also has access to 10,809 newspapers and periodicals via online databases provided by the Upper Hudson Library System and the Albany Public Library.

Our circulation was 25,367, a 10% increase over last year's figure of 23,014. In addition, 3,744 items were used in the library without being checked out by the public.

The library budget was \$71,903.72. Actual expenditures were \$62,000.67. Staff costs were lower because long time Library Director, Helen King left for a new position at the end of August. A part time Library Manager was hired while the position was vacant. Part time staff worked extra hours to fill in the allotted public service hours and to maintain the level of service that the public expects. Building, insurance and telecom expenses were \$6,304.86. Cooperative fees to the Upper Hudson Library System were \$1,363.44. Library materials cost \$6,816.42. Program expenses were \$2,906.23. The remainder of expense for the year was office supplies, fundraising expenses, board matters and petty cash.

The library received \$32,000 from the Town of Guilderland and \$2,800 from the Town of Knox. State aid and grants were \$2,426. Library charges for fines and new library cards added \$2,801.65. Donations, memorial gifts and fundraising brought in \$10,517.70, which was designated for the capital fund. The capital fund earned \$1,472.96 in interest.

The library was open 10:00 to 8:00 on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 on Tuesday, 10:00. to 8:00 on Wednesday, 10:00 to 5:00 on Thursday, 10:00 to 5:00 on Friday and 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturday. The total number of hours open is 44 per week a yearly total of 2,288 hours.

Staff members are Ginny La Juene, Director and Library Assistants Jean Betlejeski, Ann Cartmell, Andrea Dean, Norma Dean, Thelma Elgie, Ruth Painter and Susan Thompson. Helen King, long time Director left at the end of August for a new position. The Board, the staff and the public miss her. Margaret Gardam served as the part time Library Manager until Ginny La Juene joined the staff in January 2002. Board of Trustee members are Patricia B. Spohr, President, Anne Linendoll, Vice President, Jean Forti, Recording Secretary, Jackie Genovesi, Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Ketcham, Treasurer, Daniel Capuano, Trustee, Anita Burock, Trustee, Margaret Jones, Trustee, and Lynne Strnad, Trustee. Those interested in serving on the Board of Trustees in the future may call 861-7239 for further information.