

Annual Report 2007 – Altamont Free Library

Mission Statement

The Altamont Free Library is a state, town and village funded association library, which provides for the informational, cultural, educational and recreational, needs of patrons living within the stated area of the Library charter. To this end, the Library provides print and non-print materials, interlibrary loan and reference services, and programs to its users.

The Altamont Free Library is open forty-nine hours a week with one full time Librarian and five (.86 FTE) Library Assistants.

Summary

The year 2007 was a year of planning and progress for the Altamont Free Library. A capital campaign committee was formed to raise funds for the renovation of the train station. The Library saw its circulation grow and hosted numerous programs for the community.

Train Station Update:

Funds from a state construction paid for connection of the train station to the village sewer pipe.

The board authorized Janet Null to draw up construction documents for the train station

Special Programs:

- Bob Oates and Jean Bigouette, a coach and a nutritionist, presented a program on nutrition for athletes.
- A program was held to help girl scouts gain their Library merit badges.
- Bellevue Hospital presented a Lunch and Learn program on breast health.
- The Library participated in the BIG Read and hosted a checkers tournament and a discussion of *Their Eyes were Watching God*.
- The Library hosted first grade tours of the Library,
- The Honest Weight Food co-op came to the Library to do a program, *Hip Dips*, in which participants prepared healthy fruit and veggie dips
- Doug Miller, Director of Beverwyck, gave a presentation on the senior housing continuum.
- Diane Cameron, of Community Caregivers, gave a talk on the Sandwich Generation
- The summer reading program included a mystery madness fair, a workshop on sound effects presented by storytellers Brian Mellick and Marni Gillard, a sculpture workshop presented by the Tang museum and a performance in Mime by Robert Rivest.
- The Library sponsored a bus trip to The Hyde Collection.
- Joelle Lydon led a program on stress reduction
- The Girl Scouts and the Library co-hosted a Halloween party
- Senior Services of Albany presented a workshop on Medicare part D
- The Library hosted a Lego Build-Off
- The Library held a Gingerbread House making workshop
- Linda Neeb Presented a program on Yoga
- Brian Thornton presented a program on joint health.
- The Library held a craft workshop in which participants made Polish Stars.

Ongoing programs: Pre-School Story hour, Toddler story time, Two kids' Book Clubs, Computer Classes for Adults, Read to a Dog, Center for Disability Services Book Club,

Library affiliated adult book clubs, Dance Dance Revolution for kids, summer programs such as Mapping the USA, a teen oriented series of programs, and summer crafts, monthly community use of display case.

Community Participation: Display at Altamont Fair, Victorian Holidays,. Provided space for farmer's market at train station, visits with area preschools, collaboration on programming with local scout troops, visits to the elementary school, providing programming for seniors, working with Center for Disability Services on programs.

Circulation and Holdings

For the year, 21096 items were circulated. The total Library holdings are 14625 items. 808 items were added to the collection and 303 items were withdrawn.

Finances

Primary sources of income were:

Town of Guilderland: \$49,000

Village of Altamont: \$49,000

Town of Knox: \$5,000

LLSA \$1,500

Library Fundraising -\$8898.55

A copy of the full financial report is available at the Library.

This amount was raised from traditional fundraising ventures including Election Day bake sale, book sales, library lights and chicken barbeque. A copy of the full report is available in the Library.

2007 Building Fund-\$202,927.41

This amount was raised through individual and business donations and grants for the explicit purpose of the purchase and renovation of the train station as the future home of the Altamont Free Library.

Personnel

Director: Judith Wines Library Assistants: Alexa Brown (through October 2007)

Michelle Stevens (started in October) Ann Cartmell, Norma Dean, Ruth Painter, Ryan Black.

Board of Trustees

President: Tony Kossmann, Vice President: Pat Spohr, Secretary: Mary Dornbush/ Maureen Ramirez, Treasurer: Elizabeth A. Ketcham, Corresponding Secretary: Lynne Strnad

Trustees: Daniel Capuano, Elaine Clark, Linda Cure (started in October) Marijo Dougherty, Rebecca Edwards, Ron Ginsburg, Mike Hill, Barbara Quackenbush, and Matt Waugh (Started in November).

Future Goals

The Library Board will continue to pursue ways to increase funding sources with the end goal of providing the community we serve with a modern and accessible Library facility to better meet their needs. We will continue to work with community partners and to extend Library services to our patrons, with an emphasis on teens, through outreach activities. The Board will seek to recruit members from the community to the end of meeting these goals.