

## **Altamont Free Library Annual Report 2012**

### **Mission**

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, reference services, and programs to its users.

### **Year in Summary**

In 2012, the Library moved into the restored Altamont Train Station. As 2012 began, the momentum gained from the loss of our home in KeyBank was in full swing. The Library moved rapidly to complete the renovations. A combination of volunteer labor and contractors worked together to have the building ready to open by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Library prepared to leave its temporary home in the Masonic temple by closing for two hours every afternoon in April, and then closing permanently on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff time was entirely directed towards opening the Station and with the help of many volunteers, the shelves were prepared, the books moved in and the building was prepared. Our grand opening on June 2<sup>nd</sup> drew about 200 people. From June through the end of the year the Library resumed its regular array of programs and services and noticed a sharp spike in attendance and circulation, owing to its more visible, accessible location.

### **Construction Update**

In 2012, the building was plumbed by Joe Kabrehl (working as a sub-contractor for CM Fox), the sprinkles were installed by Simplex Grinnell, insulation was installed by Zero-Draft, interior finishes were done by C.M. Fox, the shelving was done by Brett Pulliam, the flooring was installed by a subcontractor for M.A. Schaefer, radiant heat was installed by Mike LaMountain, the circulation desk was built by Chuck Donnelly, Storeroom shelving was built by David Lassalle for his Eagle Scout Project, landscaping work was donated by the Master Gardeners, Christine Capuano donated her talents to build the donor board, Joe Merli built the Library's sign.

### **2012 Program Highlights**

Kids in elementary school made music makers for use by storytime kids

We celebrated Valentine's Day with Caped Crusaders

Participated in the Global Art Project

Potluck: Italy, Ireland, Nigeria, Vietnam

Helderberg Hilltowns Author Visit

Fall Library Hikes

Trivia Nights

Play with Your Food

Program on Maintaining Balance presented by Brian Thornton

Leaf Painting

Fall and Spring Bird Walks with Dan Capuano

Gingerbread Houses

Get to Know your E-Reader with UHLS' Jo-Ann Benedetti

Minute to Win It Summer Reading Kick-Off

Couch to 5k Program

A DEC wildlife biologist presented a program on Turkeys

Summer Concerts – Remembering our past, Marching Toward our Future

**Ongoing Programs:** children's book clubs, two adult book club, adult computer tutorials, Library affiliated adult book clubs, summer programs on the Dream Big Read! theme, a teen-oriented series of programs, summer crafts, and monthly community use of display case.

**Community Participation:** The Library provided space for the local farmer's market at the train station, made visits with area preschools, collaborated on programming with local scout troops, visited the elementary school, provided programming for seniors, worked with Center for Disability Services to provide volunteer opportunities, and reconfigured the Library for ACT's Victorian Holidays.

**Finances:** Primary sources of income were: Town of Guilderland: \$50,000, Village of Altamont: 45,000, Town of Knox, \$6,000. A full copy of the report is available at the Library.

**Personnel:** Director: Judith Wines, Library Assistants: Ryan Black, Ann Cartmell, Mary Beth Mulligan, David Warner.

**Board of Trustees**

President: Anthony Kossmann, Vice-President: Ellen Howie, Secretary:Linda Cure ,Treasurer: Betty Ketcham, Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Edwards, Christine Capuano, Sally Dague, Mary Dornbush, Ron Ginsburg, Michael Hill, Ellen Howie, Christine Lennard. Amy Martin, Tracy Russell, Craig Sargent, Natalie Schipano, Pat Spohr, Yvette Terplak

Category	Total Circ	Borrowed From	Loaned To
Adult Audio	1002	680	197
Adult Fiction	6010	2296	1382
Adult Nonfiction	2635	1691	648
Adult Video	3256	1103	654
Electronic	291	17	0
FA-BI	12	12	0
Juvenile Audio	82	49	10
Juvenile Fiction	5137	959	740
Juvenile Nonfiction	726	231	99
Juvenile Video	857	95	144
YA Audio	35	16	7
YA Video	8	8	0
Young Adult Fiction	819	330	352
Young Adult, Nonfiction	35	29	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>20905</b>	<b>7516</b>	<b>4235</b>

**Circulation and Holdings:** In 2012 the Library circulated 20905 items, borrowed 7516 from other libraries and loaned 4235 to other libraries. We have 1709 active borrowers and have a collection of 13714 items. The Library is open 58 hours a week.