

Altamont Free Library Annual Report 2014

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.

The Year in Summary

2014 was a year of change for Altamont Free Library. In September our longtime Director, Judith Wines, departed to become the Director of the RCS Community Library. Mary Beth Mulligan ably served as Interim Director until the end of the year. The Trustees embarked on a Long Range Planning process, inviting input from a wide-range of stake holders and community members. The results of that process will be developed throughout 2015. Minor improvements and repairs were made to the library building throughout the year.

Circulation and Usage Statistics

Circulation is down 0.33 percent compared to 2013. (Please see charts below.) While this may be a disappointing result, this could be viewed in a rather more favorable light: Over the course of 2014, we were able to sustain the excitement AFL generated by the move to the train station. (Library circulation increased 25% from 2012 to 2013.) Moreover, we held our circulation numbers steady despite the slowdown resulting from the unusually cold winter last year.

In 2014 AFL added 256 new library members for a total of 1,990 patrons.

Our website, altamontfreelibrary.org, received 78,211 visits.

Ongoing Programs

Toddler & Pre-School Storytimes, Eat Around the World potlucks, two adult book clubs, young adult and children's book clubs, adult computer tutorials, book a librarian program , summer crafts, and monthly community use of display case.

Programming Highlights

Summer Reading Program events based on the "Fizz Boom Read!" theme

Memoir Project Author Reception

Adult Trivia

Build a Piñata

Eat Around the World: Pakistan, Japan, Altamont, Thailand, Norway and others

Teen Trivia

Winter, Spring & Fall Bird Walks

Altamont Inventions!

CSI:Library Edition

Downton Abbey Tea

Open Mic Night

Global Art Project

Seed Starting Party

Squishy Circuits

Programming Highlights (Cont.)

Kid's Trivia
Carl Strock Presentation
Couch to 5k Program
Alan Via Photo Journal
Read to a Dog
Muppet Puppets
Seedling/Plant Sale
Community Wide Garage Sale
Battle Bunny
Iron Chef for Adults
Adult Crafty Hour
World Cup Viewing Parties
Playstation 3 FIFA 2014 Tournament
Patroon Land Creek Tour
Barn Quilts with John Elberfeld
Lawn League Teen Volunteer Training
Summer Concert Series
Farm Share Studio Reception
Summer Reading Bingo
Experimenters Club
Color Science for Preschoolers
Volunteens
Maker Mondays
Strength and Materials with Three Little Pigs
Experimenters Club
Science Skills for Kids
Tang Museum: Balance This
Keith Lee Book Signing
Phil Horender Author Visit
End of Summer Celebration
Candy Science
Name That Tune
Adult Craft Club
Teen Lock-In
The Dojo: Teen Gaming Club

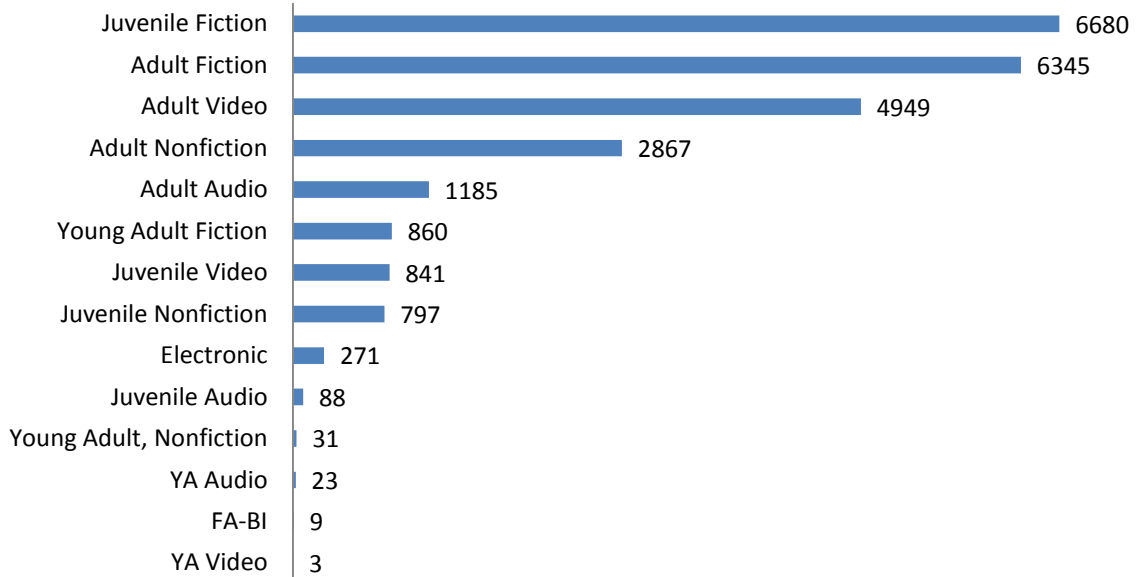
Finances

Primary sources of income were: Town of Guilderland: \$52,000, Village of Altamont: 48,000, Town of Knox, \$7,000. A full copy of the report is available at the Library.

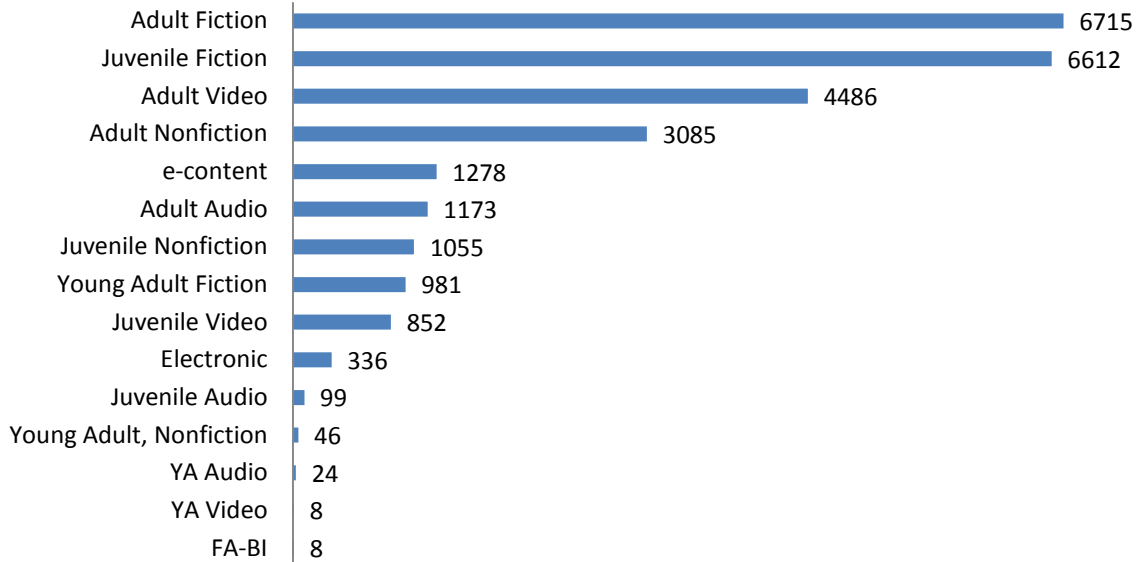
Personnel:

Director: Judith Wines
Interim Library Director: Mary Beth Mulligan
Library Assistants: Ryan Black, Ann Cartmell, Jo Ann Mulligan, Mary Beth Mulligan, Mary Jean Mulligan, Albert Rusch, David Warner, Jacob Widrick

2014 Circulation by Item Type



2013 Circulation by ItemType



Circulation by Item Type 2013 to 2014

Category	2014 Total Circulations	2014 Borrowed From	2014 Loaned To	2013 Total Circulations	2013 Borrowed From	2013 Loaned To
Adult Audio	1185	730	254	1173	804	267
Adult Fiction	6345	2202	1967	6715	2265	2060
Adult Nonfiction	2867	1816	908	3085	1903	1033
Adult Video	4949	977	976	4486	933	1100
Electronic	271	7	0	336	2	0
FA-BI	9	9	0	8	8	0
Juvenile Audio	88	35	11	99	43	23
Juvenile Fiction	11428	883	978	6612	941	1222
Juvenile Nonfiction	6680	279	188	1055	350	186
Juvenile Video	841	61	259	852	74	170
YA Audio	23	22	3	24	10	1
YA Video	3	3	0	8	8	0
Young Adult Fiction	860	409	436	981	430	432
Young Adult, Nonfiction	31	23	5	46	23	14
e-content	1719			1278		
Total:	26671	7459	5985	26759	7795	6508