

DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 1999

I think I'll separate things this month into two categories: GOING WELL and NOT GOING WELL.

**GOING WELL:**

1. After putting scores of flyers around town attendance at the Wednesday night Pajama Story Time has increased substantially. David will appear as Santa Claus at the last of this season's PJ Story Times Thanksgiving Eve, November 24th at 7:00 PM and read the "Polar Express". I am billing it as the "POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY" and already have a note on WCAT to the effect that fathers should "Give the cook a break" and take the little ones to the POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY.
2. Pam Corrado and I have gotten together regarding the HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE December 7TH FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM and have several ideas. We may even make some money.
3. After nickeling and diming area PC vendors I now have a really low quote. I'm doing some last minute checking before I sign for 6 new ones we need to be compliant with the new system.
4. The Town Accountant finally fixed his own books and we finally were able to get some answers on October 25th. Although there remain some insignificant discrepancies, we did manage to make the point that accurate information is needed on a more timely basis, as we were in the throes of filling out the annual State Aid Application. I rescind my former suggestion that a complaint be formally lodged with Mr. Castellarin as in the end he gave us a \$1500.00 "benefit of the doubt" in our State Aid account. Saying "I'm easy to work with" caused me to recall that he also bailed us out of a negative full time salary situation this past June (by deficitting our more than ample part-time balance). Not all Town Accountants are willing to do these things.

**NOT SO WELL:**

1. We lost the latest candidate for Assistant Director/Reference Librarian to a more lucrative offer. Although I did have a promising telephone conversation with one of the few new individuals who mailed their resume after the second advertising, this person is also an out-of-stater and we will have to wait and see. The situation is in a stall.
2. The hope for increased library services from an override seems to be fading. I thought that Department heads would be summoned for discussion and the process as a whole might be deliberate and well thought out. Rumors are not supporting this.
3. CyberPatrol is causing the Children's PC to freeze. This misbehavior occurred even as PC Specialist Dean Baumesiter was working on the machine. A different product may be better. Rich Allen seems to be on top of all the new products and I will talk to him prior to the meeting.