

Letters to the Library



Describe yourself in a sentence or two, for example your age and occupation (or, if you do not have one, what you like to do). What is your household like?

I'm 85 and a retired academic librarian. My household consists of me and my wife.

What is your day to day routine like now? What has changed? What has not changed?

Our day to day routine has not changed. Grocery shopping is provided by a local family member.

What precautions have you taken against the virus? How have you prepared? Were there any difficulties (shortages, high prices etc.)?

Stayed home. Had masks in hand prior to pandemic.

What have been the biggest challenges for you during this time?

Walking up and down stairs with difficulty due to an arthritic knee.

How have you stayed busy?

I have continued writing a series of memoirs about aspects of my life, read books in my personal library, played the piano, walked in the neighborhood with my wife

Have there been any positives to this situation?

My wife and I, as well as other family members, have been symptom free.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

None. Why wish for being elsewhere other than at home when it is the safest place to be?

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

Yes

What is the first thing you are doing when things go back to normal?

Depends on what "normal" will be.

How did you celebrate the Holidays? Did you see family in person, digitally, or not at all?

Local daughter has visited with groceries for us. Other family contacts via phone.

How will you be celebrating Wallingford's 350th Jubilee? If you were here for the 325th Jubilee, do you have any memories you would like to share?

I don't know how I'll celebrate the jubilee.

What do you miss most about the Wallingford Public Library? What is the first thing you will be doing when you can come back into the building?

I haven't missed going to the library. As for returning to it, I might wait until there is a vaccine for CORONA-19.