

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 am a 16 year-old sophomore. I enjoy music and all sorts of art.

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

Now, I mostly stay inside all day. I wake up around 9:00 am, eat, begin school work, and have many hours of free time after I finish. This is worlds apart from my former schedule! Waking up around 6:00 am, I used to leave at 6:50 am and go to school until 2:00. In the evenings after school, I would attend a driver's education class or go to the gym. On the weekends I took a pottery class as well. All of these activities have come to a halt due to social distancing orders.

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

N/A

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

With my mother and father both still going to work, and one of them working in healthcare, there has been heightened caution in my house about catching COVID-19. As well as this, my parent working in healthcare has faced stress caused by the change of their workflow.

How have you stayed busy?

Like most others, I keep busy by baking, watching television, doing work, and keeping up with hobbies.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

I think that this pandemic has brought communities together and caused people to focus in on helping others. On top of this, there seems to be an emphasis on creating art for the means of fundraising or raising awareness for those in need.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

I miss places near the center of town where I would often go with my friends, namely Knuckleheads, Mr. D's, and Half-Moon.

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

I have been mindful to try and talk to others more than I usually would. I've been texting extended family and friends, giving updates on what I'm doing, as well as listening to what they're up to.

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

When everything reopens, my first hope is to be able to take my driving exam. I want to get out as much as possible when the pandemic is over!

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

The recent holidays have been ones that I would not usually celebrate regardless. For recent birthdays, I have given presents and cake in person if it did not violate social-distancing. When I was unable to see someone, I left a gift on their doorstep, and made sure to wish them a happy birthday over the 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?

N/A

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 miss being able to visit the library when I needed somewhere silent to work, or wanted to study with friends. I hope to renew my library card when I can.