

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 retired librarian/records manager and horticulturist, age 66, and I live in a household of 2 with my wife (we were married in 1990 and moved to Wallingford at that time).

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

My daily routine includes housework, correspondence (email and U. S. mail), personal business, writing fiction and non-fiction, and a few errands. The only thing that has changed is that I used to do more errands and get more exercise.

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?

The biggest challenge by far is getting enough exercise.

How have you stayed busy?

I have one fiction writing project and two non-fiction writing projects, so there is always something to be done.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

I am concerned about suffering in places like Africa and India, but hoping that the world will take some steps toward lasting peace.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

The library and the Staples Copy & Print Center.

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

Yes. I have connected with old friends and participated in Zoom meetings with the church I belong to and the Wallingford Writers' Community of the library.

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

Take some packages to the post office.

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

N/A

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 do not celebrate the Wallingford Jubilee because I think it is an insult to the indigenous peoples who were already here.

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 have a copy of "Rose in Bloom" waiting for me at the Yalesville Branch.