

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 57. I write. It's just me and Mom.

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

I don't think the things that I do inside have changed much. I'm still using the computer, reading, watching tv, and writing. I am eating home more. Not being able to go to lunch is a major change. Not being able to go to the movies, the theater, and the library are major changes, too. I'm following the numbers, and keeping a Coronavirus Numbers Notebook.

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

Just the sensible ones, like washing my hands a lot for 20 seconds and not touching people. As far as shortages, I've managed to get toilet paper.

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

Not being able to go places, having to live by a lot of ridiculous rules, watching people be convinced of things that aren't true (like that face coverings help anything), and not being able to have my family come visit.

How have you stayed busy?

The same ways that I stayed busy before, as long as they are inside. Boredom has never been a problem for me.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

Not too many. Shoprite has moved things, so that there is space in their aisles. I hope they don't change it back.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

The library, Dads, the movie theater, the shows at the schools, Subway

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

I do go see one friend of mine. Other than that, I email.

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

I love this question. It makes me believe things will go back to normal. I'm going out to lunch.

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

Actually, I did it by phone. My brother and I put the speakers on on our phones, and did the Seder that way.

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'm not sure, but it will probably involve food. I'll see "1776" if that's still going on. I guess I wasn't here, because I don't remember it.

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?

Going there! The library was my escape. And I miss the people who work there. Maybe I'll look at books.