

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 33 year old Mexican single mom to a 6 year old. I have lived in Wallingford since I was 10, except the 5 years I was in college in MA.

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

I stay with my son half day. I clean, so some light exercise, cook, and then go to work midday. Homework with my son is difficult. He's in kindergarten and I don't push him. I want him to stay healthy and be in a healthy environment. I do more fun things and story times to keep his mind active. But I don't push him to keep his face in a book and do "homework". I am a little Scared hell fall behind but I also don't wanna traumatize him.

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

My son does not go anywhere. I work alone at the office and I only go out for grocery shopping. Washing hands often even though were not going out. Keeping other from visiting and to parks that are completely empty-no playgrounds!

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

My son is sad because he has no social contact other than myself. He's become very attached to me. Also not seeing my friends and family has been extremely lonely. Even at work I find it hard to be motivated.

How have you stayed busy?

Getting better at cooking and cleaning home from extra clutter.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

Saving money. I am lucky to still have my full salary. But have not been spending at all .

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

Los Mariachis for a nice margarita with friends.

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

Yes I text a lot and FaceTime. Even done parking lot dates where we all stay in our cars and just talk through open windows.

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

A cookout and karaoke!

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

My son turned 6 in April. Friends and family drove a birthday caravana through our street and got on FaceTime during the candles and cake cutting. He was very happy.

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 what this is. I am not very attached or informed of Wallingford events and happenings. Too afraid people will be racists, would rather avoid 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?

Children's books! My son loves reading hard books not ebooks. And I don't believe in buying books. We loved sitting underbelly the tree in the children's library and reading a book in a very theatrical way.