

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 38 year old single mom of 1 and am a medical claims processor.

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

Work was cut down to a skeleton crew, we only worked 2 days a week and I had to opportunity to stay home the other days and make incredible bonding moments with my child.

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

Just trying our best to follow the guidelines put forth by the CDC, always wearing a mask, washing down anything that comes in the house, showering when returning home. My child and I used to love to go shopping - now she hasn't been to a store in 4 months!!

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

Not being able to see friends and family as often and having to explain this to a young child. Oh, not being able just to run out if I forgot something, I won't take my child to the store so everything has to be planned out accordingly!

How have you stayed busy?

There is nothing during these past few months we haven't done - it's been kind of spectacular.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

Yes! I know a lot of people struggled during this time, and I feel terrible, but for me this has been amazing. I'm fortunate enough to have a job where I was able to still work, just not full time and had the greatest time watching my child grow and play. In no other circumstance would I have this incredible opportunity. She's not yet school aged, so I didn't have to worry about distance learning so we fell in this beautiful little pocket.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

The library!

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

We would do a lot of FaceTime and zoom calls. My daughter had a few Zoom dance classes.

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

I'm excited for my daughter to get more kid interactions in.

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

Mostly digitally, as we started progressing phases family would get together outside for picnics.

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?

We read A LOT! We need you!!