

# 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?**

Mostly retired, now living with my wife in an "empty nest".

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

Have canceled all long-distance travel plans, and we make many less frequent trips locally.

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

There is an assortment of cloth masks next to the door we use to leave the house. No real difficulties in obtaining merchandise, but that may stem from our lowered expectations as to what we think we need or want.

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

Deciphering the enormous amount of information we receive about the virus~ sometimes conflicting and murky.

## **How have you stayed busy?**

Tackled two projects~ A backsplash for the kitchen counter, and stairs leading up to our back porch. Thankfully home-improvement stores have remained open for supplies.

## **Have there been any positives to this situation?**

A lot of "odds and ends" that I have procrastinated with are now completed. There is plenty of time for tinkering around the house.

## **What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?**

Most all of them, because I am reluctant to go anywhere unless it is necessary.

## **How have you stayed social while social distancing?**

Taking walks with my coworkers. While 6-feet apart we can still speak to each other, and get some exercise. Also, SKYPE and ZOOM.

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

Our neighborhood is planning an all-age happy hour/ party.

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

The closest we have been is through SKYPE or ZOOM or regular telephone calls.

**How will you be celebrating Wallingford's 350<sup>th</sup> Jubilee? If you were here for the 325<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, do you have any memories you would like to share?**

Probably just going to a local restaurant for dinner. (Very low-key!)

**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 all the activity going on in the library. The first thing I will do is dive back into the large and varied CD collection.

**Photos:**

