

# 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 41 years old with a very blended family. We have 8 children altogether. 4 of which are adults and live on their own throughout the US.

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

We sleep in often and take a lot of naps. Boredom is a thing. Yes, even with 8 kids. We don't get to see our 4 younger children as often as we used to because everyone has been exposed to covid. Every visit is meticulously planned.

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

We always wear masks. We avoid stores and do as much shopping online as possible. When we do need to visit stores for necessities, only 1 person goes in if possible. We never take any of our children in stores.

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

- 1) Not seeing our children.
- 2) Missing out on Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings as well as birthday parties.
- 3) Trying to have conversation with relatives in states who are not taking this seriously. It's impossible and seemingly always becomes political when it's not.

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

Tons of reading! Crocheting Coloring Taking care of my cats and pet snails Talking to my kids on the phone or via video chat.

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

Not really... We miss our kids

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

I moved away from Wallingford 4 years ago however, I miss the linear trail most. And taking rides up whirlwind hill to pet the cows.

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

Lots of phone calls and video chats. I have also joined several facebook groups.

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

I don't think it will happen this way. We won't be waking up one day and everything has gone back to normal. It'll be a slow process in which nobody will notice much. That's my theory anyway. If it did though.. I'd fly out to visit all my adult children.

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

Not at all

**How will you be celebrating Wallingford's 350<sup>th</sup> 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?**

I miss sitting under the tree in the children's section reading them their favorite books. When I return it'll be with my 2 grandsons.