

# 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 videographer and my wife is a legal secretary. We have lived in Wallingford since early 2014. We are both in our late twenties and want to purchase a home in town. Wallingford is where we want to raise our family.

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

Since the pandemic my wife has worked from home. I have continued to attend work in person with pre-cautions. Wearing a mask to work has become routine with the occasion Covid-19 case scare.

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

The pandemic has changed the way we shop for groceries. We now have food delivered and use car side pick up. We constantly wash our hands and wipe down handles. We have not seen family and friends over six months.

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

We have struggled with stress and isolation from our love ones.

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

We have occupied our free time with enjoying each others company. We have spent more time watching movies and reading. I have started running over the summer and recently got a stationary bike.

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

The stress of the pandemic has tested our young marriage. But it has made us stronger and closer.

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

My wife and I miss grabbing brunch at Ricks and Dads.

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

Yes, we have remained social. We have been texting less and calling more.

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

Going for brunch at one of the breakfast spots. Possible a vacation to Montreal or Narragansett.

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

We saw our families on Christmas and exchanged gifts outside.

**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?**

We plan to celebrate Wallingford's 350th Jubilee by attending the parade and other community events. I would like to film and photograph 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?**

I miss borrowing books and music CD's from the town library