

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 thirty-nine years old and I am a program director at Pratt and Whitney I have a family of five with two daughters a son and my wife and we've lived in Wallingford since 2006. my daughters are fifth graders and my son of seven months old and was born during the COVID pandemic.

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

Today I work 5 days a week from home whereas I worked 5 days a week in East Hartford before the pandemic, so in this new routine, I get up in the morning, do some things around the house say good morning to the family, and head down to my downstairs office where I have a nice window.

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

We have taken all precautions very seriously since the beginning of the pandemic, including having groceries delivered, not meeting up with friends, family and groups in person and our daughters selected Voluntary Distance Learning for school. They also participate in many groups virtually (Ballet, Girl Scouts, etc.)

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

I have always enjoyed face-to-face social interaction both at work and around town. It has been very difficult to bridge that gap using only technology. I also really enjoy exploring outside and new places and traveling and the restrictions associated with those have eliminated those things from our lives at least from now.

How have you stayed busy?

Board games, online games/shows, reading (my daughter recommended a good series.) jogging, and playing with my kids.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

Love the family time which I otherwise would not have had.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

Many restaurants and downtown shops.

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

regularly scheduled Zoom calls with family, friends, work and clubs.

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

Visiting family in person.

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

We had a virtual Zoom-giving meal with family and a Zoom Christmas with family.

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?

Hoping to go to the parade!

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?

Everything. Would love to take our son to the children's section!