

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 69 going on 70. My careers have included being a clinical specialist in the Army, an LPN, an elementary teacher, and a recreation assistant. I live alone, am self sufficient and have 2 birds as pets.

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

I am retired since 2012. I go out for coffee and conversation every morning. The change is...I am now employed in a part time position that I love.

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

Handwashing, social distancing, mask, vaccine

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

Actually....NONE!!

How have you stayed busy?

I contacted new and old friends. I used the time to send notes to other people. I took a dance class. I tried new and different recipes– I reorganized my home.

Have there been any positives to this situation?

Yes. I got reacquainted with old friends and family. I travelled more than normal. Families grew closer and enjoyed outside activities.

What local Wallingford places/businesses do you miss most?

Hallmark store, Ferriolas Breakfast Place, Tap and Vine -> due to short staffing.

How have you stayed social while social distancing?

Phone, cards, visits. Met my neighbors, sat outside, social distancing.

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

Nothing– I have given nothing up but was smarter and safer the way I did things.

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

Thanksgiving– I spent at home. I invited one cousin who was living at a home that hosted many people without masks and he was uncomfortable attending.

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?

Nothing– I still enjoy it.