

# History as it Happens

## Students' Perspectives on the Pandemic

A Brown County Library Project

*The COVID-19 global pandemic has impacted all aspects of life—social, educational, financial, emotional—for all ages.*

Brown County Library invites students, ages 18 and under, to submit their creative works relating to **life during the pandemic and quarantine** to be posted online.

Submissions could include:

**Written works:**

essays/personal narratives  
speeches/commentary  
short fiction  
poetry

**2D artwork:**

drawings  
posters  
photography  
images of 3D artwork

## Help us Make History!

**See** prompts on back to help you get started.

**Submission deadline:** June 1, 2021

**Submit** written copy as Word documents.

**Scan and upload** artwork and photography as JPG or PDF files.

Visit [www.browncountylibrary.org/history](http://www.browncountylibrary.org/history) for more information and to submit.



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# Need Some Nudging?

Here are some prompts to spark your creativity!

## Writing (stories, essays, poems, etc.)

- Describe a typical day in quarantine.
- Describe a good or exciting day in quarantine.
- How has the pandemic changed your life, for good or for bad?
- What has virtual schooling been like?
- What do you miss most during the pandemic?
- Describe the day you envision when things get back “to normal.”
- Write a letter to someone or something you miss.
- What have you gained or lost during the pandemic?
- Write about something you’ve learned about yourself these past few months.

## Artwork (2D drawings, paintings, photographs)

- Personify the virus in a drawing/painting.
- Create an image of your family during quarantine.
- Capture how something—like hairstyles, pets, school—has changed.
- Draw a comic strip about the pandemic experience.
- Draw (or make a list of) things you loved to do during quarantine.

### **Additional prompts from the Wisconsin Historical Society:**

[https://wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/JournalProject/Covid\\_19\\_Journal\\_Prompts.pdf](https://wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/JournalProject/Covid_19_Journal_Prompts.pdf)