The Springfield Free Public Library and the Springfield Historical Society are working together to collect, organize and preserve documents and other items that will serve as a record of the experiences of Springfield Township residents during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All members of the community are welcome to participate. Items that can be submitted include written descriptions, personal reflections, poetry, video, music, photographs and other types of visual art. Submissions by children and teens are especially encouraged. Submissions should be sent to questions@sfplnj.org. A special section of the library’s webpage will be set up to serve as a digital archive for the items received.

Writing on any aspect of the pandemic are welcome, but library staff members have offered some sample topics in case a little help is needed to get started.

1.) Do you know anyone who survived the coronavirus? What are your recollections of their recovery?

2.) How much does the prospect of infection worry you? Do you think society’s reaction has been appropriate?

3.) Have you started to use technology in different ways? Have you experienced digital burnout?

4.) What are some of the things that you are finding yourself missing most at this time? How has the cancellation of special events like graduations, birthday parties, or summer camp affected you?

5.) How have your food shopping, cooking and eating habits changed during this time? Do you have a particular recipe that you would like to share?

6.) How has homeschooling affected your family dynamic? If you are a college student, how does online instruction compare to the college classroom experience?

7.) Is your pet behaving differently during this time?

8.) For Kids: Explain coronavirus and quarantine in your own words or with a poem or picture.

For more information, please contact Library Director Dale Spindel at dspindel@sfplnj.org.