Our final walking club challenge takes us from where the sidewalk ends to where everything else begins: the Kirkland Town Library! The annual .5K event takes place each winter and was created as a fun way to get out, get fit, and celebrate the library.

The route begins at the Clinton Cider Mill on the right side of Elm Street just before Clinton Central School.

Follow Elm Street towards the library, passing by the home of our friends Ben and Laurie Madonia. If they are on their porch, be sure to say hello!

Turn right onto Murty Avenue, which might be the shortest street in the village.

Then, turn left onto Hamilton Place, and wave hello to our friend Harper who holds the record for the youngest participant in the KTL’s .5K.

At the end of Hamilton Place, cross over College Street. If you see Sarah and her friend out with their lemonade stand, stop for a cold drink. Otherwise, turn left towards the library.

Turn right into the library’s exit, watch for traffic, and follow the driveway around the building to the main entrance. If the library is open, ring the doorbell at our walk-up window and we’ll say hello.

Want to keep walking? Do the route in reverse and see if you can beat the record time of 3 minutes, 18 seconds set by a member of the Stone family in 2020.

Be safe! While you are walking, keep six feet of social distance between you and anyone else. Wear a mask if the streets are crowded. If you are on a road without sidewalks, walk against traffic as far out of the street as possible.