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VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES

- [The Metropolitan Opera: Free Nightly Opera Stream](#)
 - The Met is offering free opera streams nightly. The performances are world-class and available to watch on the Met's website.
- [Pickathon 60 Concerts in 60 Days](#)
 - Pickathon is an annual music festival. This year they are streaming the best of their concerts to raise money for COVID relief efforts. The concerts are free to watch on their Facebook page, [Twitch](#), or [Youtube](#).
- [Global Citizen](#)
 - Live streaming and recorded videos of concerts with big names, from an organization raising money to end poverty worldwide. Check them out on Youtube.
- [Royal Albert Hall](#)
 - Free streamed performances by a wide variety of artists. Their website shows the upcoming performances for the next week.
- [The Shows Must Go On](#)
 - Free, full-length Broadway musicals released every Friday night and available to watch for 48 hours afterwards! This channel also features behind-the-scenes videos and hit songs from the streamed musicals.
- [Grammy Museum: Museum at Home](#)
 - The Grammy Museum is releasing interviews, performances, and classes on their website in an effort to reach patrons while they are closed.

MUSEUMS & OTHER EXPERIENCES

- [British Museum Virtual Tour](#)
 - A virtual tour of the British Museum's collection. Users can follow a timeline and explore different featured artifacts.
- [National Gallery of Art Exhibits](#)
 - This website allows users to learn about two amazing exhibits in Washington DC's National Gallery of Art Exhibits. One exhibit is historical American fashion, the other covers the works of painter Johannes Vermeer.
- [Louvre Online Tours](#)
 - Virtual tours of different areas of the Louvre, covering a wide variety of areas and artists.
- [Houston Zoo Webcam](#)
 - Webcams of different animals across the Houston Zoo! Watch everything from elephants to ants through this page.
- [Georgia Aquarium](#)
 - Amazing views from webcams in the Georgia Aquarium. You can watch all kinds of aquatic animals through this website.
- [University of Nebraska State Museum: Planetarium](#)
 - Explore astronomy and watch fascinating videos about our universe. Available live on Facebook along with some recordings on this website.
- [NASA @ Home](#)
 - Let NASA bring the Universe into your home! Enjoy eBooks, activities, scientific explorations, tours, apps, astronomy activities, and more.



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EDUCATIONAL PORTALS & LEARNING RESOURCES

CODING, SOFTWARE, & GAMING

- [Codecademy](#)
 - This site is an amazing resource for learning different coding languages including HTML, Javascript, Python, and SQL. The basic version is free and you can choose the lessons that fit your experience level and desired skills.
- [W3Schools](#)
 - An online resource with numerous detailed tutorials on various coding languages for building websites. Very helpful for anyone looking to learn more about website creation.
- [Unity Tutorials](#)
 - Unity is a video game creation engine. Learn how to make your own video game from scratch with this free engine and detailed tutorials!

CRAFTY & CREATIVE

- [Instructables](#)
 - This site offers amazing instructional guides and collaboration between users working on a huge variety of craft, tech, and DIY projects. A great place to search for fun activities and projects to do at home.
- [How to Knit: Step-by-Step Tutorials for Beginners](#)
 - This series of tutorial videos will help you learn how to knit, from the very basics to more complex designs!

ACADEMIC COURSES

- [Open Culture Free Online Courses](#)
 - This site has a wide variety of classes on different topics. Every subject from Art and Archaeology to Business and Finance. The classes are offered through different websites but are collected and organized here.
- [Harvard University Free Online Courses](#)
 - Free online courses offered through Harvard University. Includes many different topics: Humanities, Computer Science, and much more.
- [Stanford University Free Online Courses](#)
 - Free online courses offered through Stanford University. Includes many different topics: Social Studies, Music History, and much more.
- [MIT OpenCourseware](#)
 - Free online courses and resources offered through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Browse their collection at any time, no enrollment necessary.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES & TUTORIALS

- [GCFLearnFree](#)
 - Need to work on your tech proficiencies, learn a new software, Courses ranging from Microsoft Office to MacOS and Windows.
- [TechBoomers](#)
 - Thousands of free, step-by-step tutorials and informational articles that can help you learn anything and everything about popular websites and apps!



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LITERATURE, HISTORY, & OTHER GOODIES

FREE & PUBLIC DOMAIN

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 - This website is an incredible library of thousands of free, public domain books. You can read them online, download, and enjoy them at any time!
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 - This website collects thousands of free, public domain audiobooks! You can listen to them online or download them to your devices!
- [Europeana](#)
 - Works with libraries, museums, galleries, and more to bring you incredible historical books, artwork, and artifacts online. With blogs, exhibitions, and a sophisticated searching system, this site is a great way to access amazing content.
- [Digital Public Library of America](#)
 - Provides free digital resources gathered from libraries around the US. Their collection is mostly historical and cultural heritage materials, but all should be immediately accessible!
- [Standard Ebooks](#)
 - A collection of public domain books and updates them with modern formatting/metadata to make them more consistent and easier to read on e-readers. The books are all free, public domain, and open-source.
- [DailyLit](#)
 - Sends you classic books along with new serials every day in bite-sized pieces so that you can read them on your commute, lunch break, or just when you get a few minutes to spare! Some of their reading does cost money, but there are many amazing free options as well.

HISTORICAL CONTENT & NEWSPAPERS

- [National Archives](#)
 - The National Archives are home to the nation's digitized records dating back to the founding fathers. Explore our nation's history through our documents, photos, and records.
- [Smithsonian Digital Collections](#)
 - The Smithsonian's digital collections include over 35,000 digitized books and manuscripts, seed catalogs, art & artist files, ephemera, and more!
- [Elephind](#)
 - The largest collection of newspaper archives, worldwide! Search through almost 200 million newspaper articles dating back to the 1800's.
- [Colorado Historic Newspapers Online](#)
 - The Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection currently includes more than 1.7 million digitized pages, representing more than 400 individual newspaper titles published in Colorado from 1859 up to 2019.

DIY & LIFE

- [DoltYourself](#)
 - This resource is a repository of do-it-yourself home improvement and repair projects. Get inspiration, ideas, or helps for your next project!
- [LifeHack](#)
 - Want to "hack" your life? Give this website a try! Check out the "articles" section for dozens of free life-improvement articles, tips, and motivational stories to help you with personal development and growth.