

THINGS TO DO for U3A MEMBERS under lockdown

Virtual Museum Tours

Many museums have closed their doors but they are open for business online. Here's a list of museums that have put their collections online for you to enjoy.

1. [British Museum in London](#)
2. [Guggenheim Museum, New York](#)
3. [National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.](#)
4. [Musée d'Orsay, Paris](#)
5. [National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul](#)
6. [Pergamon Museum, Berlin](#)
7. [Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam](#)
8. [Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam](#)
9. [J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles](#)
10. [Uffizi Gallery, Italy](#)
11. [Museu de Arte, São Paulo](#)
12. [The Louvre, Paris](#)
13. [The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York](#)

Online Concerts and Shows

Music and cultural scenes are doing their best to keep going. You can stream nightly concerts and Broadway shows from the comfort of your living room... or perhaps you'd prefer to relax in a bubble bath with an iPad.

14. [Broadway Plays and Musicals You Can Watch On Stage From Home](#)
15. [Stream the Met Opera nightly for free](#)
16. Check out [STAGEIT](#) for access to "Shut in and Sing" events and online concerts
17. NPR is keeping a [live list of Virtual Concerts](#) which is updated daily.

Learn Something New

Learning something new doesn't need to cost money. You can keep your brain active and learn a new language in just five minutes a day. Perhaps you would prefer to learn how to draw or code?

18. Learn a new language in as little as five minutes every day. [DuoLingo](#) will even let you set up a "[classroom](#)" so you can have accounts for kids to study. [Drops](#) is another app that makes learning a new language fun.
19. Yale University is offering a free course online - [The Science of Well-Being](#) - that teaches you how to be happier.
20. [Take a University Art Class](#) - [Artsy.net](#) has a list of 10 classes you can take for free online.
21. [Coursera](#) offers free online courses from many of the world's top universities in a wide variety of subjects.
22. Become an Artist with [Art ala Carte](#) on YouTube.
23. [Code Academy](#) offers a free online coding course.

Take a Virtual Field Trip

Field trips might be cancelled but just like the virtual museum tours we suggested, here are some ideas for creating an at-home field trip. If you've ever wanted to visit a national park or explore the surface of mars from the comfort of your home, there's never been a better time.

24. [San Diego Zoo](#)
25. [Yellowstone National Park](#)
26. [Explore the Surface of Mars](#)
27. Live Animal Cams at the [San Diego Zoo](#), [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#), [Zoo Atlanta](#), [Houston Zoo](#), [Georgia Aquarium](#), [Smithsonian National Zoo](#), [Reid Park Zoo](#), [Ouwehand Zoo](#)
28. Live farm cams from [Farm Food 360](#)
29. [The Great Wall of China](#)
30. [Boston Children's Museum](#)
31. [Pompei](#)

32. [Colonial Williamsburg](#)
33. [Ellis Island](#)

Additional Programs

34. [Disney Imagineering In A Box](#)
35. [LEGO Engineering Workshop](#)
36. [Skype A Scientist](#)
37. [LUNCH DOODLES](#) with Mo Willems
38. [#GADBookClub](#) : Actor Josh Gad (Olaf from Frozen) is reading bedtime stories live on his Twitter every night.
39. [National Geographic Kids](#)
40. [PBS Kids: Design Squad Global](#)
41. [Scholastic Learn At Home](#) : Day by day projects to keep kids thinking, learning, and growing.

Binge Watch Something New

If you have the feeling that you've watched everything there is to see on Netflix, here are some other platforms you can download to your phone, tablet, or smart TV for a variety of shows and movies.

42. [XUMO](#) is a free (ad-supported) service with 200 channels of movies, TV shows and kids' entertainment.
44. [Sundance Now](#) has a 30-day free trial with the code SUNDANCENOW30. This service offers thrillers, True Crime, and Dramas.
45. [Acorn TV](#) has a 30-day free trial with the code FREE30 and is full of British and Australian TV shows.
48. [Crunchyroll](#) has a 14-day free trial and access to Anime
49. [Philo](#) is a cable alternative that has a 7-day free trial then it is \$20/month for 59+ channels.
50. [Sling TV](#) is another Cable alternative and has two packages available

Online research:

<https://www.zooniverse.org/>

MOOCs on Offer

There are many MOOC portals and no list can be comprehensive but some of what is available is listed below.

Alison

An Irish MOOCs platform offering 750+ online courses from a wide range of course providers (including OpenLearn and Google. Courses from Accounting to Yoga Exercises.

Class-Central

An American MOOC platform offering over 3,000 courses.

Code Academy

Learn to code (program computers) in a range of computer languages.

Coursera

Browse the "world's best courses", many from US universities. Currently has over 16m learners.

Duolingo

Language courses in 14 languages from English.

EDX

Although the edX MOOC platform started at MIT, it now has over 650 short courses from partner universities around the world.

FutureLearn

FutureLearn is private company wholly owned by The Open University. It offers a diverse selection of courses from leading universities and cultural institutions from around the world.

FutureLearn FAQs

These answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" may help if you have a problem/query about how FutureLearn courses are delivered.

Iversity

The European platform for online learning.

Khan Academy

Aimed mainly at school-age learners but has gone considerably beyond its original offerings and now includes subjects such as Art History and Economics. (You have to register to find out what is on offer.)

MIT Open Courseware (OCW)

OCW makes the materials used in the teaching of MIT's subjects available on the Web. (MIT were the first institution to launch open courseware and this site covers only the the university's own taught courses, MIT courses set up for e-learning are on EDX - see alternative link.

Open Culture

Offers both courses and free cultural & educational media (audiobooks, textbooks and films).

Open University of Australia

offers a wide range of free courses; some with a southern hemisphere perspective, including Marine and Antarctic Science and Indigenous Studies: Australia and New Zealand. There is also a Chinese Language and Culture course.

Openlearn (from the Open University)

OpenLearn offers over 800 courses (including some extracts from Open University courses). Format of courses on OpenLearn is instruction rather than discussion but the content is good. This link will also get you to material to accompany OU/BBC co-productions through the **Radio and TV Events** tab.

Search and rate site for MOOCs

This site acts like "TripAdvisor" collecting information from MOOC providers and users about each MOOC course.

Stanford Online

Stanford Online offers a variety of professional education opportunities in conjunction with many of the University's schools and departments.

Woolf Institute, Cambridge University

The Woolf Institute is concerned with the study of inter-faith issues. There are Online Short Courses which offer a unique opportunity to engage in the study of relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims. (These are available to use any time.) There are also some e-learning programmes where there is a set time period.