

Being at home doesn't have to mean boredom. Looking for a way to spice up your days in quarantine? Move over, Netflix – we've got tons of options for whatever adventure you and your family are ready to take on.

Rappel into Reading

Wish you read more? Now is the time!

- Got a library card? You can use it from home on <u>Overdrive</u> to check out ebooks and audiobooks from the comfort of your couch.
 - If you're an audiobook fan, listen to classics at <u>Librivox</u>, which provides access to free public domain audiobooks.



Get literary! Check out *Mosaic Literary Magazine*, which features interviews, articles and essays by writers of African descent. They're also offering <u>free lesson plans</u> for teens.



No passport necessary for these virtual tours!

 You can still get your art fix without leaving home! Many museums are offering virtual tours, including the <u>Metropolitan Museum of Art</u> and the <u>Guggenheim</u>.

 Missing the outdoors? Let a ranger guide you through Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska, and Dry Tortugas National Park in Florida via <u>The Hidden World of the National Parks</u>.



For those space nerds out there (live long and prosper!), you can take a tour of the Houston Space Center using <u>their app</u>, which also includes selfie filters, maps and interactive virtual reality.

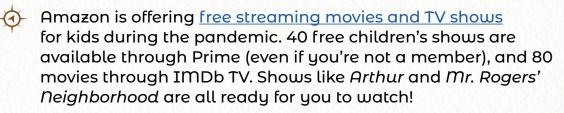
Advance Your Abilities

Quarantine is a great time to try something new. Acquire a skill you've always wanted to learn!

- Does your kid or teen love computers? Learning to code is not only fun, but a great skill they can use throughout their life.
 <u>Codeacademy</u> is a free education tool (with upgrades for a cost) where kids can learn to code at different levels.
- Wish you'd gone to Harvard? Now's your chance. Harvard
 University is offering <u>free humanities courses</u> ranging from 3
 to 15 weeks long. Topics include history, Shakespeare, classical
 music and more.
- Origami is a fun way to keep your hands busy and make something beautiful. And it's a great family activity! These <u>instructions from The Spruce Crafts</u> can walk you through folding animals like birds, elephants and rabbits, plus paper jewelry and other designs.

Wander into a New Watchlist

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Enter quarantine a foodie, exit a chef. <u>Bon Appétit's YouTube</u> <u>channel</u> has informal recipe tutorial videos with recipes ranging from cocktails to homemade pizza dough. Having a visual to go along with a recipe can make it easier (and more fun!) to follow along.

Do you and your kids love animals? The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens is hosting a daily <u>Home Safari Facebook Live</u> in the afternoons. A different animal is featured every day and kids can submit questions live. Bonus: each video is saved on YouTube if you want to catch up!

Lights. Camera. Action!

You won't need opera glasses to see these shows.

- Try a 7-day free trial of <u>BroadwayHD</u>, where you can stream Broadway hits like Bye, Bye Birdie, The King and I, and more!
- The <u>Metropolitan Opera</u> is streaming an opera each night, which is then available to watch the whole next day.



Check your local performing arts center to see if any of your favorite singers, dancers or actors are streaming.





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