

Ideas for sequestered “at home” time with children



Remember the [Michigan eLibrary](http://mel.org) at <http://mel.org> and the e-resources available to you via [RBDigital](http://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/) at <http://wmlpmi.rbdigital.com/> and [OverDrive](https://upnorth.overdrive.com/) at <https://upnorth.overdrive.com/>. Also, there is a [Youth Services page](#) on the MMLL website.

And, in no particular order, here are some more resources:

- [Here](#) is a list that will be helpful for planning virtual storytime. Many authors and publishers have given permission to use their works for live streaming storytime for the time being. -Thomas Trahey, Mason County District Library
- Mo Willems is presenting [Lunch Doodles](#) every day at 1pm (Eastern) on The Kennedy Center YouTube page. [Episode 1](#)
- Beginning March 16, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden will live stream Home Safari once each day from its Facebook page. Check the page for details. https://www.facebook.com/cincinnati_zoo
- www.scholastic.com/learnathome has articles, stories, videos, and fun learning challenges free for up to 3 hours per day.
- www.storylineonline.net/ is a free literacy program where actors read to children.
- Rivet is a free app that families can download with thousands of leveled readers. You can download the app at Google Play.
- www.getepic.com/ is a digital library of books aimed at children under 12. It is free for educators, and you can join free for 30 days.
- www.learninga-z.com is offering free Raz-Kids and/or Headsprout through the end of the school year. Make sure to subscribe to Raz-Kids for the trial.
- The Florida Center for Reading Research has many free activities to do with children. <https://fcrr.org/resources/index.html>
- Khan Academy schedules for school closures has preschool to grade 12 activities. <https://bit.ly/2UaBq1F>
- <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/> has a Google form with a list of educational resources. They also have a Facebook page.
- Adventures in Familyhood identified 20 virtual field trips that you can take with your family. <https://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html>
- Here is a list of Over 30 Virtual Field Trips. <https://bit.ly/3aYGTiK>



Brought to you by Cathy Lancaster, Youth Services Coordinator, and the MeL Team:

Virtual Programming:

Here are a few virtual family programming ideas to get you started:

- Create scavenger hunt games for families to explore PebbleGo Animals.
- Lead a virtual trip through history in PebbleGo's Social Studies content.
- Share the early readers and printable activities in World Book Early Learning.
- Post trivia questions to encourage use of Britannica School, with a prize drawing for those with correct answers.
- Start a virtual reading club with the eBooks K-8 and create a group page for discussions. CSLP's Imagine Your Story resources are now available for you to use for library programming year-round, as well as the past 2 thematic years.
- Create a hashtag for families to follow the virtual program offerings throughout the next few weeks.

MeL eResources:

[Britannica School](#)

Reliable, quality information is available from home with just a few clicks. Students from elementary through high school will find resources to help them write essays and research papers and complete homework assignments. Includes over 132,000 encyclopedia articles, 103,000 images, 7,500 multimedia elements, more than 27,000 eBooks, and novels and essays. Tools include translation for 50+ languages and read-aloud functionality.

eBook Collections in MeL

The [eBooks K-8 Collection](#) includes beginner cookbooks, craft books, alphabet books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Big Nate series, and a wide range of students' favorite sports' team, just to name a few. The [eBooks High School Collection](#) has *Illustrated Classics*, Orca series, sports' collections, biographies, history books, STEM books, do-it-yourself projects, and over 1,200 young adult fiction titles. Be sure to explore the [eBooks Academic](#), [eBooks Business](#), and [eBooks Public Library](#) collections as well.

[PebbleGo](#)

Find bite-sized pieces of content for your K-2 learners. All types of animals are covered as well as habitats, animal behavior, and dinosaurs. The social studies area covers topics ranging from "Being a Good Citizen" to continents and countries and "Jobs in the Community" to "People and the Environment" and transportation. Short videos and activity sheets are also available so learners can be active participants from home.

[World Book Early Learning](#)

Students in grades PreK-3 can follow Trek and Taffy the cat around the world. Share their love of colors, numbers, game, and other fun things. Come inside for stories and pictures!

[World Book Kids](#)

Students in grades Pre K-5 will find easy-to-read content in addition to hundreds of activities, science projects and experiments.

Additional Resources:

[Youth Services Programming During a Time of Crisis](#) - Printable toolkit designed to help public libraries in times of crisis plan programming that creates a sense of normalcy for youth and teens. Written by Jamie Gilmore, Grace Morris, Erica Trotter, and Alexandria Wardrip via the University of Washington's Information School.

ALA's [Where to Start? Creating Virtual Library Spaces](#)

EveryLibrary's [Libraries Help Families During Quarantine](#)