

Museums Connect

Connecting museums and their programming to those in our communities who most need engagement and enrichment at this time of crisis.



More Virtual Programs from Virginia's Museums

Video Tours and Recorded Content

Virginia History

National Sporting Library and Museum, Middleburg: they have new online activities, as well as coloring pages to download.

1. Virtual Tour of the Ellen Emmet Rand Exhibition
<https://poly.google.com/u/0/view/2UbDhqw6iJ>
2. Make your own 19th century Peepshow Book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZJ2ldHfyf0>
3. Color our Collections – Downloadable coloring pages
http://www.nationalsporting.org/nslm/event_details/1028/

Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond: they have created new “virtual banner lectures” that can be viewed live on Youtube. <https://www.virginiahistory.org/your-visit/virginia-history-home>

The schedule is here:

1. Wednesday, April 22 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | "'A Fiendish Murder': The Sad Saga of Charles and Susan Watkins, 1891" by John Long
2. Thursday, May 7 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | "Cabal! The Plot Against General Washington" by Mark Edward Lender
3. Thursday, June 4 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | "City of Refuge: Freedom & Unfreedom in the Early Republic's Great Dismal Swamp" by Marcus Nevius

Historic Christ Church, Irvington: enjoy a virtual tour of this important 1735 church, and listen to performances that happened in the church.

<https://christchurch1735.org/visit/history-at-home>

Henricus Historical Park, Richmond: Explore the world of this 17th century settlement through their YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRbPXMT8_Fnxblzh24aHowQ

Art

Virginia Quilt Museum, Harrisonburg: enjoy virtual quilt “tours” and readings about quilts.

<https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/virtual-quilt-turnings/book-readings>

Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation, Richmond: they have created several different activities you can do with residents—you can view the videos on their Facebook page. This links to one of the activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/chesterfieldvaparksrec/videos/2665453053733204/>

Science

Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond; try an online version of their popular Lunch Break Science program, where you bring a lunch, and listen to a science-related presentation. The next one is April 22nd, on “Exploring a Changing World in Richmond, Va.,” presented by Dr. Jeremy Hoffman, Chief Scientist, Science Museum of Virginia

<https://www.smv.org/upcoming-events/lunch-break-science-april-22>

Activities/ Static Resources for Download

History

George Mason’s Gunston Hall, Lorton: This site has some great downloadable activities you can do, from colonial recipes to creating an historic kite!

<https://gunstonhall.org/learn/learning-from-home/>

Art

Gari Melcher’s Belmont, Fredericksburg: Download this artist word search for your residents.

<https://www.garimelchers.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/281/files/2020/04/Artist-Word-Search.pdf>

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We hope that these resources are helpful. We will distribute new engaging activities and resources as they become available, with different topics to keep things interesting! Let us know if you are looking for anything specific to help keep your residents engaged. Email us at membership@vamuseums.org anytime.