

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

Germana Foundation, Central Virginia: this organization, which covers the history of the earliest German settlements in Virginia, has a series of videos you can view on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GermanaFND>

The Valentine Museum, Richmond: These are short clips, but enjoy their Kick Back with a Curator series.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLijVHcC5xQ6cmDtEh4RGdXuP5tQZKqhag&fbclid=IwAR3xuWM4gwy2zQCsqiimz3_cecTtlv59RcqZsL4832HPUBffsDUC7GzPhGI

James Monroe Museum and Library, Fredericksburg: Watch one of their very popular "Chats with the Curator", where he chooses collections items and talks about their history and importance:

<https://jamesmonroemuseum.umw.edu/about-james-monroe/hands-on-history/>

Historic St. John's Church, Richmond: They have a lot of video interviews and programs on their YouTube channel, but this one, a virtual recreation of the "Give me Liberty" speech, is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_F8jejP2tw

Mosby Heritage Area, Middleburg: This site is focused on Civil War history, and the area around Middleburg, but there are some interesting videos you can watch here:

<https://mosbyheritagearea.org/youtube>

Portsmouth Colored Community Library Museum, Portsmouth: Watch a documentary about the librarian of the library when it was integrated:

<https://portsvafricanamericanheritage.com/online-learning/#video>

Edgar Allan Poe Museum: View some of their virtual programs on their YouTube Channel, “Poe’s Pandemic Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14p0SbET_hsiL4YOsXost-ryWIC_LVaJ

Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Forest: A great selection of videos and other virtual tours and activities about Jefferson and his summer home in Virginia:

<https://www.poplarforest.org/virtual-visit/>

Humanities

Virginia Humanities: they normally host the Virginia Festival of the Book in person each spring, has created a series of virtual author talks. Review the schedule here:

<https://www.vabook.org/2020/04/shelf-life/>

Activities/ Static Resources for Download

History

James Monroe Museum and Library, Fredericksburg: Enjoy this Jefferson cipher activity sheet that you can download to do with your residents:

<https://jamesmonroemuseum.umw.edu/wp-content/blogs.dir/351/files/2018/11/Jefferson-Grid-Cipher-Instructions.pdf>

Historic Alexandria, Alexandria: This museum has “Make it Mondays”, with a new activity each week. One of them is to create your own “cabinet of curiosities” with a downloadable activity sheet you can use with residents:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/features/ActivityCabinetofCuriosity.pdf>

And they also shared a link with more on the history of these cabinets of curiosities:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/theme/the-cabinet-of-curiosities/4QKSkqTAGnJ2LQ?hl=en>

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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.