Here are some virtual experiences to help improve your quarantine. Please email <u>info@northamptonneighbors.org</u> with your favorite ways and means to get some art, music, and (good) news. We are especially interested to learn how to access the arts if without a computer.

Please email suggestions and improvements to info@northamptonneighbors.org

Maybe it is time for a virtual trip to the Forbes Library?

- Forbes Library Service Updates in Response to Coronavirus (Covid-19)
- Free Online Resources and Community Information

We have many <u>digital resources</u> available on our website and we are sharing resources on social media and in our <u>newsletters</u>. Find our virtual programs on our calendar, like the <u>Writing Room</u>, <u>Dhama Yoga</u>, <u>Tech Help</u>, <u>Far Out Film</u> <u>Discussion</u>, and our <u>Virtual Book Chat</u>. You can still <u>reach us by phone and email</u>, too! Although the building is closed, we are still here for you.

Check out the Smith College Museum of Art's At Home offerings.

Hear some great music at the Signature Sounds Parlor Room Home Sessions

Visit a (Virtual) Museum

Google Arts & Culture perhaps has the most extensive assortment of museum collections of any online resource.

Russia's famed State Hermitage Museum recently released a **five-hour long video tour** of the entire museum.

As for other options, Paris's iconic Musée du Louvre offers its own virtual tours. Or, take a look inside the famed Guggenheim Museum in New York. Online, you can tour Frank Lloyd Wright's spiraling rotunda access 200+ art books from the museum's digital archive, and watch more than 65 artist profiles and interviews.

Other museums with online tours include Yale's Center for British Art, which houses the largest collection of British art outside the United Kingdom, The

Minneapolis Institute of Art, one of the nation's leading encyclopedic museums, and the Museum of Islamic Art, in Doha, Qatar.

The Met has the Artist Project, where you can listen to famous artists discuss their favorite parts of the museum's collection, while MoMA has extensive YouTube offerings ranging from interviews with artists to a behind-the-scenes look at how the museum operates.

If you're more interested in interactive, rather than visual, virtual museum experiences, take a look at the **American Museum of Natural History**'s online resources.

Other museums with interactive online features include the **Corning Museum of Glass**, the world's foremost authority on glass, and the **New York Historical Society**. At NYHS, you can find a vast collection of audio recordings including interviews with everyone from **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** to the **Grateful Dead**, as well as a list of **podcasts about the American presidency**. The site also has video interviews with figures including **Billie Jean King**, **Tom Brokaw**, and **Ken Burns**. Finally, their online exhibitions offer **virtual access to past shows**, too.

Attend the Opera

New York City's world-famous Metropolitan Opera is currently closed due to COVID-19 concerns. However, you can still get your opera fix from the safety of your home. For the duration of its closure, the Met will be streaming its past performances, one per day, for free online. Each show will air at 7:30 p.m. EST on **the Met's website and apps**, and will remain available to stream until 3:30 p.m. EST the next day.

Hear Celebrated Symphonies

As symphony halls around the world temporarily close their doors, more and more are playing to empty concert halls and streaming these performances online. The public radio station WKAR published an extensive list of all of the performances set to come.

Additionally, the Berlin Philharmonic announced they will be making their "Digital Concert Hall" free for the duration of the pandemic. The service includes over 40 high definition live broadcasts and an archive spanning six decades, including some of the best conductors and musicians of our time. The Chamber Music Society of

Lincoln Center also has an extensive free online video library and will, too, conduct live streams during this time.

If you'd like to listen to expertly curated classical music for an extended period of time, tune in to *At Home with Gustavo*, a partnership between the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Classical KUSC (Los Angeles) and Classical KDFC (San Francisco), and the famed conductor, Gustavo Dudamel.

Tour World-Famous Monuments

Google recently launched the **Heritage on the Edge** initiative, which features five Unesco World Heritage sites under threat from climate change. The project includes 3D maps, augmented reality features, and expert opinions on how we can protect these treasured landmarks.

American Archive of Public Broadcasting Discover historic programs of publicly funded radio and television across America. Watch and listen.

<u>The Poetry Foundation</u>, publisher of Poetry magazine, is an independent literary organization committed to a vigorous presence for poetry in our culture

Films For Action has more than 2,000 free documentaries available for viewing.

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These are challenging times and we hope these resources help you, your family or a neighbor. Please consider that this is a fluid situation and that we are doing our best to provide accurate, timely information. If you have an update or more information, email info@nothamptonneighbors.org and we will share it ASAP. Take care.

Entendemos que estos son tiempos difíciles y ójala que estos recursos sean útiles para usted, su familia o sus vecinos. Por favor, entienda que esta situación está cambiando diariamente y esforzándonos para proveer información precisa y oportuna. Si tienes noticias o más información, por favor contáctanos por correo electrónico a info@northamptonneighbors.org y la contaremos. Si prefieras algunas de estos recursos en Español, por favor contáctanos por teléfono (413-230-7088) o correo electrónico (info@northamptonneighbors.org) y nos alegramos traducirlo. Cuídense.