

Virtual Activities & Playgroups for Children and Families (updated 4/15/20)

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If you have edits or would like to add an activity to the list, please email Stephanie Mendez at smendez@fcccenters.org with the activity information as listed below.

Name/Organization	Type	Website	Time & Date	Description
Family Connections' First Steps Program	Playgroup	ZOOM	11:00-11:25, Wednesday and Friday	Come online and join our First Steps program for some virtual learning! Our teachers will guide you and your little ones through engaging activities involving familiar songs, goofy dances, silly read-alongs and more. For more information on how to join us, please contact Madeleine at msebastien@fcccenters.org
Instituto Familiar de La Raza	Playgroup/Music	Facebook: La Hora de Los Peques	10:30-11:30 AM, Fridays (until May 8)	Instituto Familiar de La Raza invites you to tune into their activity: La Hora de Los Peques live on Facebook!
Children's Council Tuesday Playgroup	Playgroup	Eventbrite: Tuesday Playgroup	10-11:30AM, Tuesday	Each week child development experts lead engaging activities to build young brains, including resources and ideas you can use at home. Newcomers always welcome! Designed for 0-6 year olds, their parents and caregivers. All languages and drop-ins welcome.
Tandem Virtual Storytime	Storytime	YouTube: Tandem Virtual Storytime	Ongoing	Join virtual storytime with Tandem as their staff members share their favorite children's books. Visit their Facebook page at 10 AM PST each week day to see their featured story for the day, and visit their YouTube channel for the complete (and growing) playlist! Stories in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Tagalog and Dari
		Facebook: Featured Story of the Day	10 AM, Monday-Friday	
San Francisco Public Library	Storytime	Instagram: sfpubliclibrary	2 PM on Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM on Saturdays	Join Sweet Stories with SFPL as they hold virtual storytimes led by their librarians and special guests via their Instagram TV!
Penguin Kids Storytime	Storytime	Instagram: Penguin Kids	8 AM, Monday-Friday	Join Penguin Kids Storytime, a picture book read-aloud and accompanying activity via Instagram!
Reading Rainbow's LeVar Burton	Storytime	Twitter: LeVar Burton's live-stream	9 AM, Monday	During this difficult time, LeVar would like to contribute by reading Children Stories aloud to folks who could use some diversion for themselves and their families.
Pete the Cat Club	Storytime & Art	Instagram: James Dean	10 AM, Monday-Friday	Pete the Cat series' author James Dean reads from his picture books, and provides drawing lessons and other interactive activities via his Instagram live-stream!
Brightly Storytime	Storytime	YouTube: Brightly Storytime	11 AM, Monday-Friday	Brightly Storytime brings you full-length (5-10 min.) picture books read out loud by their storyteller, Ms. Linda. Drop by for their new videos every week, and make sure to check out their ongoing playlist!
Simon Kids	Storytime	Facebook: SimonKIDS	11 AM, Tuesday-Thursday	Get the scoop on the latest & greatest books for kids (board books, picture books, chapter books, and middle grade) from Simon & Schuster via a 30 minute read-aloud from popular middle-grade authors on their Facebook Live!
Storytime with Mac Barnett	Storytime	Instagram: Mac Barnett	12 PM, Monday-Friday	Author of children's books <i>Triangle</i> , <i>Square</i> , <i>Circle</i> and many more reads one of his picture books via his Instagram Live!
SaveWithStories Storytime	Storytime	Instagram: SaveWithStories	Time varies, Daily	Live picture book readings from celebrities including Jennifer Garner, Steve Carell, Elaine Benes, Terry Crews & many more via SaveWithStories' Instagram! Multiple readings are posted daily!
Goodnight with Dolly	Storytime	YouTube: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	5 PM, Thursday	"Goodnight With Dolly" will feature Dolly Parton reading a series of Imagination Library books all carefully chosen for their appropriate content at this moment in time via her YouTube channel.
Bedtime Stories with Josh Gad	Storytime	Twitter: Josh Gad	Time varies between 6 PM and 9 PM, Monday-	Josh Gad (voice of Olaf from <i>Frozen</i>) virtually reads a picture book as a bedtime story via his Twitter live-stream!
Drawing Lessons with Wendy Macnaughton	Art	Instagram: Wendy Mac	10 AM, Monday-Friday	Join bestselling illustrator Wendy Macnaughton as she leads Draw Together via her Instagram Live! You can also check out all her past classes via her YouTube channel!
		YouTube: Wendy Mac	Ongoing	
Dav Pilkey At Home	Art	Library of Congress	8 AM, Friday	Join Dav Pilkey (creator of <i>Captain Underpants</i> and <i>Dog Man</i> graphic novel series) for fun drawing lessons!
Drawing with Toddlers	Art	Instagram: E. B. Goodale	8:30 AM, Tuesday & Thursday	Join author and illustrator of children's books E.B. Goodale for Drawing with Toddlers, a short drawing lesson via her Instagram Live!
Lunchtime Doodles with Mo Willems	Art	YouTube: The Kennedy Center	10 AM, Monday-Friday	Join author Mo Willems (creator of <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>) for approximately 30 minute art lessons via YouTube!
DC Kids Camp	Art	Twitter: DCComicsKids	10 AM, Monday-Friday	With DC Kids Camp, children will learn how to draw their favorite DC Super Heroes, gain inspiration and skills to make their own comics, and unlock their creativity with fun, off-the-wall how-to videos like draw-alongs with Agnes Garbowska (DC Super Hero Girls), origami tutorials with Gene Luen Yang (Superman Smashes the Klan), make-your-own Green Lantern ring demonstrations with Minh Lê (Green Lantern: Legacy), and many more captivating activities! Access via their Twitter or Instagram!
		Instagram: dckids		
Crafting with Curious Jane	Art	Instagram: Curious Jane	12 PM, Tuesday & Thursday	Join Curious Jane as they share awesome DIY art activities using everyday objects in new ways via their Instagram Live! You can also check out their website https://curiousjane.fun/make-at-home/ for more projects & printables!
Music classes with Jam with Jamie	Music	YouTube: Jam with Jamie	6 AM, Monday-Friday	Join Jam with Jamie on their mission to bring music into kids lives worldwide! If you are unable to join the live session, they do upload them for later viewing!
No Nap Family Happy Hour	Music	Facebook: NoNapHappyHour	3 PM, Saturday & Sunday	Join NoNapHappyHour for an approximate 45 minute kid-friendly virtual concert via their Facebook Live!
Monterey Bay Aquarium's Live Web Cams	Live Cam	Monterey Bay Aquarium	Times vary per exhibit between 7AM-6PM, Daily	Playful sea otters. Flashy fishes. Mesmerizing jellies. Swirling sardines. Explore habitat by habitat from the ocean's edge to the open sea, and meet all the amazing and awe-inspiring creatures that call the ocean home via the aquarium's Live Cameras!