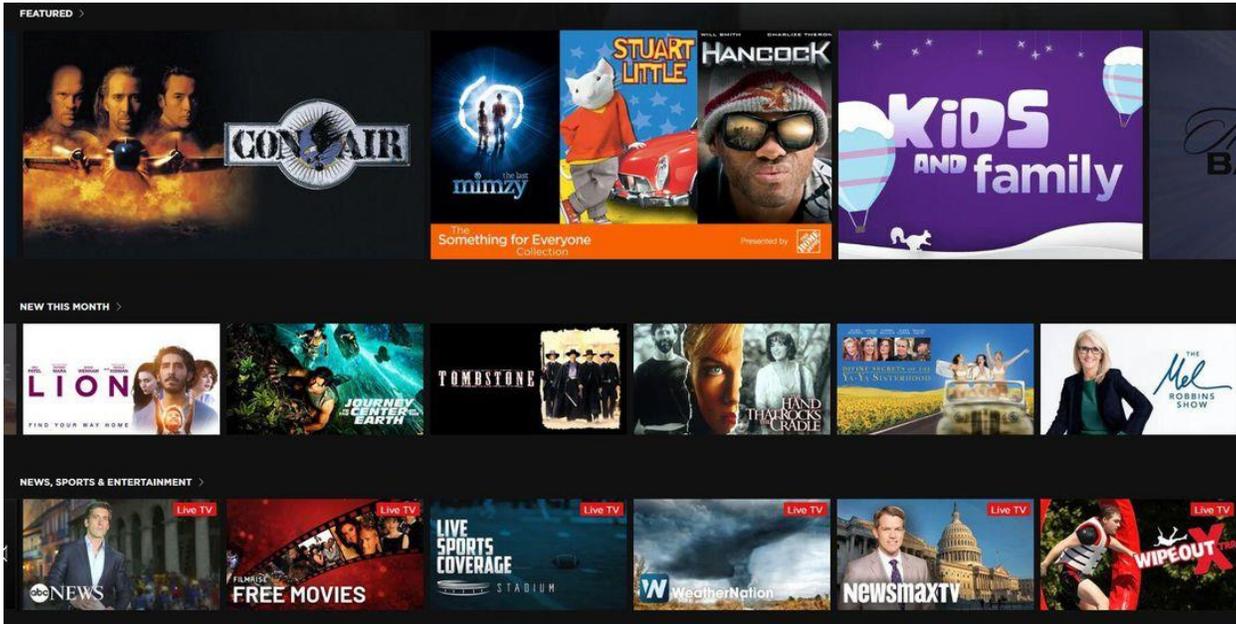


Freebies to Access During Self-Quarantine

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We've seen a dramatic shift in how communities are responding to the coronavirus. With schools, stores, restaurants and theaters closed -- and a top contender for Merriam-Webster's word of the year to be "social distancing" -- we all need lots of ways to entertain ourselves. And since we'll all be spending a lot of time at home going forward -- and money is already growing increasingly tight for millions -- the less that entertainment costs, the better. Thankfully, there's a plethora of free content available online. We've rounded up everything we can find below, from video streaming to distance learning and more

Free video

- [Crackle](#)
- [IMDb TV](#)
- [Hoopla](#)
- [Internet Archive](#)
- [Kanopy](#)
- [Plex](#)
- [Pluto TV](#)
- [The Roku Channel](#)
- [Tubi TV](#)
- [Vudu](#)

In addition, [Amazon has made a library of kids' TV shows free](#) for all users. These shows are usually reserved for Amazon Prime customers, but now anyone can watch for free.

Free ebooks and magazines

- [Borrow ebooks from your library](#)
- [Borrow free digital magazines from your library](#)

And once you've explored what your library has to offer, there's no need to stop there, because you can find a wealth of resources for getting your hands on free ebooks online.

- [Authorama](#)
 - [Project Gutenberg](#)
 - [LibriVox](#)
 - [ManyBooks](#)
 - [BookBub](#)
 - [Goodreads](#)
 - [Smashwords](#)
 - [Digilibraries](#)
 - [BookLending](#)
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Free video conferencing

One way to stay connected despite the quarantines is using these free videoconferencing and video chat tools that have been around for years, but you might have had little reason to try.

- [FaceTime](#)
 - [WhatsApp](#)
 - [Skype](#)
 - [Marco Polo](#)
 - [Facebook Messenger](#)
 - [Zoom](#)
 - [Google Hangouts Meet](#)
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Free music and audio

- [Sirius XM](#) (free until May 15, but it will automatically renew at the regular rate of \$8 per month unless canceled by that date).
- [Spotify](#)
- [Pandora](#)
- [Podcasts for iPhone](#)
- [Google Podcasts for Android](#)

- [Amazon Music HD](#) (free 90-day trial, but it will automatically renew at the regular rate of \$15 per month unless canceled by the end of your trial period)

Audiobooks aren't just for long commutes. Audible has made a selection of Audible Originals free for the listening:

- [The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey](#)
- [An Act of God](#)
- [Evil Eye](#)
- [Feeding the Dragon](#)
- [The Half-Life of Marie Curie](#)
- [Proof of Love](#)
- [Sakina's Restaurant](#)

And there's free content specifically for your kids, too. [Audible has a large collection of free streaming audiobooks](#) the younglings can enjoy.

Free distance learning solutions and educational resources

- [Scholastic Learn at Home](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- [PBS Kids](#)
- [Age of Learning](#)
- [Prodigy Math](#)
- [Mystery Science](#)

If you want to add some virtual field trips to the at-home curriculum, you can take tours of hundreds of museums around the world at [Google's Arts & Culture Collections](#).