

With kids being off from school, many are asking, **HOW WILL WE KEEP THEM BUSY?** Well, below is a list of ideas on how to keep yourself and / or the young ones in your family engaged and entertained.

## **Storytime's & Book Readings**

[Author Mac Barnett](#): Most days at 3pm, Mac Barnett reads his books on Instagram Live.

[Author Monique Gray Smith](#): Reads her books and shares the videos on Instagram Live.

[Author Oliver Jeffers](#): Every weekday at 2pm, Oliver Jeffers reads one of his books on Instagram Live.

[Author Peter H Reynolds](#): Every weekday at 3pm, Peter Reynolds will read one of his books on Facebook Live.

[Jbrary](#): A directory of online story-times and resources for songs and rhymes.

[OperationStoryTime](#) on Instagram: Search #operationstorytime on social media to find authors reading their works online.

[Penguin Kids](#): Every weekday at 11am, Penguin Kids will share a read aloud on Instagram Live.

[SAG-AFTRA Foundation](#): Listen to famous actors and personalities like Betty White, Oprah, and Kristin Bell read children's books.

## **Zoos, Museums & Other Experiences**

[Cincinnati Zoo](#): Facebook Live videos highlighting a new animal each weekday at 3pm, and shared via YouTube after the live stream.

[Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants](#): Live free events with scientists and explorers around the world, hosted Live on YouTube.

[San Diego Zoo](#): Live cameras in various zoo exhibits, paired with educational resources.

[Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#): Self-guided tours of select current and past exhibits.

## **Activities, Curriculum, Lessons & More**

[All Kids Network](#): Crafts, worksheets, colouring pages, printable mazes, dot to dots, and more.

[Bedtime Math](#): Daily prompts to make math easy and fun to talk about. Try adding into your bedtime routine!

[CBC Curio.ca](#): Online streaming platform, currently with complimentary access, with collections of educational videos.

[Funbrain](#): Online games, books, and activities divided by grades K-8.

[The Kennedy Centre presents Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#): Draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks.

[Khan Academy](#): A non-profit providing free education through fun lessons, like "Imagineering in a Box."

[Learn at Home](#): Resources for elementary and secondary students from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

[Math Playground](#): Free online math games and puzzles, for grades 1-6.

[NASA STEM @Home](#): Science, tech, engineering, and math activities for families with kids in grades K-4.

[PBS Kids Design Squad Global](#): Videos, games and design challenges to promote engineering and design skills.

[Pete the Cat, Harper Collins Children's Books](#): Songs, videos, and activities about everyone's favourite cat.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#): Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.

[Seussville, Random House Children's Books](#): Activities, crafts, and printables.

[Todd Parr Fun!](#): Printable and online activities from always positive author Todd Parr. Be sure to check out the Things That Make You Feel Good activity book.

[Vroom by Bezos Family Foundation](#): A free app and website with brain building tips for kids 5 and under.

I hope you and your family find this list helpful and entertaining. Feel free to pass it on to whoever you think will also enjoy trying some.