

Culture from your home

As many people are still looking for activities to keep connected and active during the time spent at home, the Arts team has put together a list of cultural events, activities and resources that can all be accessed from home.

Archives

Cheshire Archives and Local Studies

Although the [Record Office](#) is closed there are still online archives that can be viewed from their website' For example you can search:

- The [Cheshire Collection](#)
- browse [Find my Past record](#)
- see the [Cheshire First World War Servicemen's Index](#)
- browse historic photographs at the [Cheshire Image Bank](#)

Craft

[West Cheshire Museums](#) are regularly uploading activity templates for adults and families that will help to make the collections accessible on-line whilst they can't be enjoyed in person. Activities will range from crochet patterns to cut and colour fashion dolls

Dance

[Fallen Angels Dance Theatre](#) will be doing 10 minute dance taster sessions, on Facebook Live, for all ages, to help combat anxiety. Planned for: Wednesdays and Thursdays between 4pm and 5pm on [Facebook](#) .

Their [YouTube channel](#) includes some of their performances and their website includes links and inspirational blogs.

Drama

[Storyhouse](#)

A series of five minute fun sessions are available online for primary aged children and their families

Minerva Arts

Cheshire's Minerva Arts are setting Theatre Thursday drama challenges. Follow them on [Facebook](#) to see the challenge, have a go and you can also upload your own response.

[Action Transport Theatre](#)

Action Transport's Youth Theatre groups are being run remotely via Zoom.

For details of this and any other projects from Action Transport visit their website.

Drama Drop-in (12 to 17 yr olds) starting 15 April

Drama Droplets (7 to 11 yr olds) starting 6 May

Films

Storyhouse

has partnered with online [cinema platform Mubi](#) to give a free 90 day trial period to enjoy cult, classic and independent films – with a new film every day. Every week Storyhouse will be posting a round-up of films to watch on Mubi and other streaming services

Karaoke

Storyhouse

are doing a [Quarantine Karaoke](#) on Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom.

Lectures

[Storyhouse](#)

Lunchtime lectures a collaboration between Storyhouse and University of Chester is on the third Tuesday of each month.

On Tuesday 21 April two, free, lunchtime lectures will be available via Zoom.

Libraries

The [library](#) service is available 24/7 for free audio downloads, eBooks and eMagazines.

The books will stay on your device for three weeks before they are automatically 'returned' to the library. You'll need your card number and pin, but if you're not already a member you can now join the library online.

The libraries team have also compiled [a list of e-resources](#) on their webpage to help people, study and research from their own homes.

Libraries are also sharing short how to videos on [Facebook](#) and taking several of their clubs online on Facebook Live @cwaclibrary.

Virtual Lego club, Saturdays 10.30am

Each week will be a different theme, everyone is invited to share their creations with the Libraries team via social media.

Online Rhymetime –Tuesdays 10.30am

Not only good old classic rhymes but also some basic signing to help everyone in the community join in.

Digital animation sessions Wednesdays 11.30am

Another wonderful, regular session usually delivered in libraries but now offered online as a reminder/tutorial on how to create your own animations at home.

Storytimes to be shown at 3pm (normal end of school day) – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Storytelling from Storyhouse

Each day there will be a 11am [family story](#) and a [6pm story](#) (or poem, speech or excerpt)

Each is read for you by a familiar face from Storyhouse and friends. Previous readings are stored on the website page.

Poetry

Testify Poetry

The Chester based group have set up a [Testify Facebook group](#) and each day they will post prompts, writing exercises and submission opportunities. Everyone is welcome, even if you've never been to Testify before.

Theatre

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

[The Mystery of Raddlesham Mumps](#), by ATT, toured the network in the autumn. A studio recording of the children's play is now streaming for free. There are also [work sheets](#) to support home schooling available.

[Chester Mystery Plays](#)

For a limited time from Easter weekend the DVD recording of the 2018 production of Chester Mystery Plays is available to watch on YouTube.

Writing

[The Boaty Theatre Company](#) are setting a Tuesday writing challenge for kids.

Coming Soon

West Cheshire Museums will also shortly have a YouTube channel which will hosts films:
o films for school pupils/teachers,
o mini lectures for adults

- o activities for families
- o career chats for high school students

Also:

[The BBC](#) have collated a range of arts and culture events that you can enjoy from home.