

SUMMER SERIES: Learn a new trick! Time for something new...



What better time than summer to learn a new trick! You have a dedicated timeframe that is usually setup for outside activities. Now that we are spending more time indoors and alone for the most part, what can we do? Turns out there are a lot of things maybe we have always wanted to try, but never had the time or dedicated time to spend learning it...

Make your own music: There has never been a better time to pick up a new instrument. Some are easier (and less expensive) than others, like the ukulele, and a wealth of online videos and tutorials make it feel approachable and less intimidating.

Spanish, Chinese, Russian: Everyone can learn a language together in your home, and you can cook food from the country of that language. Watch a movie together and try out phrases that you've picked up from the film. [Some sites have free access for students](#) (like these from rosetta stone), and many languages are offered.

Time to learn science: Take an online science class to learn about viruses and vaccines and how to contribute to public health.

Take a happiness class: Yes, you can learn happiness — and for free — from [Yale University](#). This wildly popular class is now offered online and yep, it's totally FREE.

Play video games: Go online with your kids or kid-like friends and learn the video games and apps they love and play with them. It could be Toca Boca, Minecraft, The Legend of Zelda or whatever else is hip to the kids these days.

Use that equipment: Is there kitchen equipment in your hallway closet or attic that you've never used? It's time to get out that pasta or Popsicle maker, spiralizer or AeroPress coffee maker (that's on me) and learn how to use it.

Get down to science: Learn chemistry by making [homemade butter](#) and bread.

Composting is good for the Earth: Learn how to compost and do it. It's good for the Earth and your garden, and vermicomposting is really interesting, because worms.

Dance, dance, dance: Time to dance like no one is watching ('cause they're not). [Learn to dance from the professionals](#). It's super fun and you can get some exercise, too. Have your kids introduce you to tiktok!

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