Virtual Explorations Starter Kit

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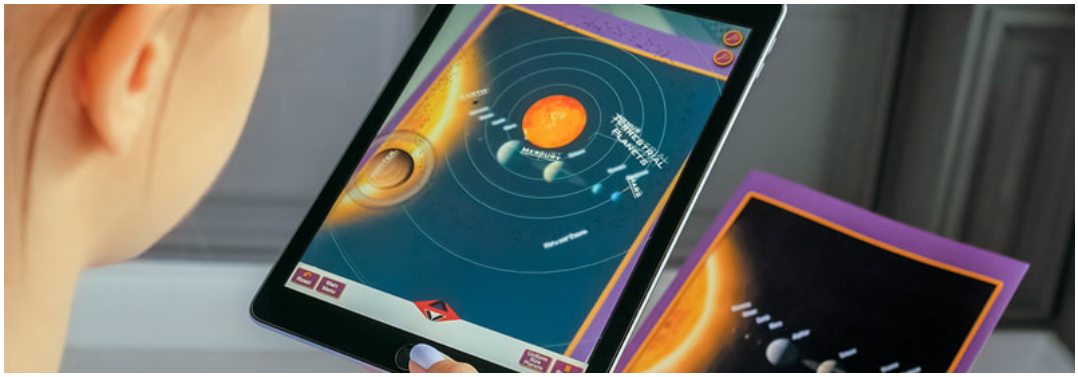

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The freedom to explore the world through technology is still intriguing and highly motivating for students. Librarians can provide portals to these discovery experiences, even virtual summer camps, offered by museums, organizations, and corporations like Google. Here's my starter list of resources, but be advised that one link leads to another and it's hard to stop diving into them!

History and Culture

Smithsonian Institution. Fun Stuff for Kids and Teens — https://www.si.edu/kids

Google Arts and Culture — https://artsandculture.google.com

- Collections: https://artsandculture.google.com/partner
- Experiments: https://artsandculture.google.com/project/games
- Historic Events: https://artsandculture.google.com/category/event
- Historical Figures: https://artsandculture.google.com/category/historical-figure

"The Ultimate Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections," Museum Computer Network — https://mcn.edu/a-guide-to-virtual-museum-resources/

"20 Famous Art Museums You Can Visit from Your Living Room," We Are Teachers — https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-museum-tours/

Science Centers

NASA at Home. For Kids and Families — https://www.nasa.gov/nasa-at-home-for-kids-and-families

"11+ Best Science Websites for Interactive Learning," Interesting Engineering — https://interestingengineering.com/11-best-science-websites-for-interactive-learning

Summer Learning

Samantha Cleaver, "Creative Summer Learning Ideas" (grades: PreK-K,1-2, 3-5, 6-8.) — https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/creative-summer-learning-ideas

Mills, Melissa Mills "8 Virtual Summer Camps Our Kids Will Love." *Parents* — https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/free-virtual-summer-camps-2020/

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