

Weekly Digest

Out for Summer!

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Craft Corner

The Exploratorium's Science Snacks dives into mind-bending aspects of science. Like [passing a straight stick through a curved slot](#) (Impossible, you say? I think *not!*). Or what about [square wheels on a round road](#)? (Hint: this one uses a bunch of toilet paper rolls). Or is [rolling non-round objects](#) more your style? Each "Snack" has a fun experiment. Pick one to try this week!

Culture

During COVID-19

How did civilization come to be what it is today? In these short, fascinating [episodes from BBC Radio 4](#), Neil MacGregor (Director of the British Museum from 2002 to 2015) narrates the history of the world through 100 objects from across the centuries and continents. Each episode is only 10 to 20 minutes long and all are rich with history and intriguing thoughts.

Check this Out!

A freezing vault on a remote island that borders the Arctic Sea, hundreds of miles from the nearest landmass. Sounds like something out of a novel, right? Well it turns out it's real & it's used to house seeds. Yes, seeds, as in those small things that turn into plants. Why? To maintain biodiversity in crops from around the world for future generations. [Check out their website](#), play with their interactive map of crop resources from around the world, take a virtual tour of the vault, and learn more about why this work is important.

Face masks: We need to wear them to stay safe & keep others safe, but few people actually enjoy wearing them. This [National Geographic article](#) asks the question: "what would make a face mask more desirable?" It's an apropos look at the key topic of user-centric design.

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Of the Week*



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