

Apps in a Library?

Yes! Just like a variety of other products, mediums and technologies, libraries are taking on apps! That can encompass having iPads with apps for patrons to use or simply giving parents suggestions for apps to try out at home. Just like books and TV shows, there can be a ton of junk apps out there that are free and that require payment so it can be hard to vet what is worth it and what is not worth it.

Please watch [Lisa Guernsey's Tedx talk](#) (focusing on 6:20 and onward) and hear her call to—among other professions—children's librarians.

Please watch [this short video](#) where librarians and parents talk about how they've been incorporating technology into the library—and in particular—their storytimes.

Please watch [this 1-minute long trailer](#) for Little eLit

Resources to Help You Find Good Quality Apps

- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) – [Best Apps of 2017](#)
- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) – [Best Apps of 2016](#)
- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) – [Best Apps of 2015](#)
- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) – [Best Apps of 2014](#)
- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) – [Best Apps of 2013](#)
- [Carissa's App Picks for Kids](#) (Madison Public Library)
- [App Fairy](#) (Madison Public Library)
- [Carissa's Favourite Developers](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)
- [Kindertown](#)
- [School Library Journal](#)
- [Little eLit](#)
- [Young Children, New Media, And Libraries: A Guide for Incorporating New Media into Library Collections, Services, and Programs for Families and Children Ages 0-5](#) (rubric in chapter 5)
- Pinterest – look at other libraries boards as many have boards dedicated to new media in the library now
- YouTube – there are app review channels, app trailers, and app demos.

Apps to Take A Look At

Product	Price
Aladdin & Sinbad – The Voyages	\$3.99
Attributes by Math Doodles	\$2.99
Code a Pillar	Free
Comic Life 3	\$4.99
Cosmic Watch	\$6.99
Desmos Graphing Calculator	Free
Disaster Detector	Free
Earth Primer	\$9.99
Everything Machine	\$2.99
Goldilocks and Little Bear	\$4.99
Google Arts & Culture	Free
Google Expeditions	Free
Heuristic Shakespeare – The Tempest	\$5.99
Homes by Tinybop	\$2.99
How To Make Electricity	\$3.99
Khan Academy	Free
Lifelige	Free 1 month trial
Lightbot: Code Hour	Free
Map of Life	Free
Mekorama	Free – in-app purchases
Metamorphabet	\$3.99
MusiQuest	Free
Namoo – Wonders of Plant Life	\$5.49
Newsela	Free
NMAAHC (National Museum of African American History & Culture)	Free
Preschool & Kindergarten (Rosi Mosi)	Free with in-app purchases
Professor Astro Cat’s Solar System	\$3.99
Radio Jones and His Robot Dad	Free
Ryan North’s To Be or Not To Be	\$4.99
Scratch Jr.	Free
Shakespeare’s Sonnets	\$9.99
Spies of Mississippi	Free
Swift Playgrounds	Free
Tap Coding	Free with in-app purchases
The Foos (Code Spark Academy)	Free 7 day trial
The New Immigrants: NYC 1880-1924	Free
Tickle	Free
Toontastic	Free
Touchcast Studio	Free
Tynker	Free limited version Paid full version