

Hot Apps You Can Use @Your Library



AI Gore: Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis (\$5)

A multimedia app investigating the climate crisis for grades 5-12.



ArticleSearch (free)

Find medical and scientific articles published in open access sources.



CamScanner Free, +, or Pro

Use phone as document scanner or fax machine; digitize paper documents by taking a photo.



Khan Academy (free)

2,200+ video tutorials on YouTube; including math, history, finance, science, economic, etc.



EasyBib (free)

Recommended by Marilyn Pontius and Mary Rogers (WCFL) for students working on research projects.



Videolicious (free)

Quick and easy video creation and editing.



Tinkerbox (free)

Educational engineering and physics puzzle game (grades 3 – 9)



Science 360 (free)

Science and engineering news app designed to engage the user in visual explorations through photos, videos, and text (grades K-12)

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<http://40apps.weebly.com/handouts.html>

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/best-apps/2013>

The Best 100 Free Apps for Libraries, by Jim Hahn; Scarecrow Press, 2013

With contributions from Allen Dunson, Susan Haydel, Chris McGee, Marilyn Pontius, and Mary Rogers.

More Apps that Bill Discovered...

Name	Description
QuickShare Free	transfer and share photos or files from one mobile device to another
Dictionary – Merriam-Webster	mobile version of respected dictionary; can be used even when device is off line
Edmunds Car Reviews & Prices	covers 24,000+ new and used vehicles, find cars nearby, read expert and consumer reviews
Evernote	create and organize notes and lists
Free Wi-Fi Finder	Finds free hotspots, even when device is offline
Goodreads	most popular social media service for books and reading (Susan Haydel @ Accident Library uses this!)
Google Drive	Create, store, and share word processing docs, spreadsheets, presentations, etc.
Google Translate	Translate words and phrases; can speak instead of typing
iTunesU	podcasts based on university courses and lectures such as TED series
Khan Academy	2,200+ video tutorials on YouTube; including math, history, finance, science, econ
Mango Library	Interface to the library's Mango Languages subscription for learning foreign languages (Allen Dunson @ Oakland Library uses this!)
MyCongress	research issues; follow Congress members; link to Open Congress to follow voting patterns
Nolo's Plain English Law Dictionary	Basic legal info from respected publisher
OneNote	storing, organizing, collaborating on notes and documents
Redlaser	barcode scanner; can look up books in nearby libraries, or do price comparisons
SportsTap	news, stats, schedules, scores, etc.; includes info from other countries
WebMD	health information from reliable source
Wolfram Alpha	a "computational knowledge engine" similar to the website; can answer questions by doing calculations, mapping, statistics, comparisons, etc. (costs \$2.99)

Apps Recommended by colleagues

Your Recommendations HERE!

Have apps you use @Your Library?
Tell us about them so we can share them
with your colleagues across the region!

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I have used Google Drive with great success. But I also use another similar app called Dropbox. It creates a folder in the "cloud" where you can store documents and easily access from any computer. I have also recommended EasyBib and OneNote to students when they are working on a research project.

~ Mary Rogers, WCFL, Children's Associate Librarian.



Dropbox (free)

Lets you bring all your photos, docs, and videos anywhere and share them easily. Access any file you save from all your computers and mobile devices.



Google Drive (free)

Upload photos, videos, documents, and other files that are important to you, then access what you need wherever you go, on any device. 15GB free.



Microsoft OneNote (free)

Your very own digital notebook. With OneNote, you can capture that flash of genius, that moment of inspiration, or that list of errands you don't want to forget!

CamScanner makes PDFs using your device's camera. Edit in the app & then email or msg them. Think of it as a mobile scanner.

EasyBib uses your device's camera to scan ISBNs, or you can search by title, in order to create book lists. I use it to quickly add titles to my TBR list.

~ Chris McGee, ACLS, Reference & Instruction Librarian