

Apps for Adult Literacy Teaching and Learning



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WEBINAR OVERVIEW

- What is an App?
- Getting started with Tablets & Apps
- Apps & OALCF competencies
- Apps for the Literacy Classroom
- Finding & Evaluating Apps
- Links and Information
- Next webinar and your feedback



What is an App?

An **app** is a type of software that allows you to perform specific tasks.

- **Desktop Apps** like Microsoft Word, Google Chrome, Firefox
- **Mobile Apps** like Yelp, Facebook, Snapchat



IOS or Android?

iPads & iPhones

Easy to use

Over 1 million apps

Costly

Proprietorial

Android Tablets & Phones

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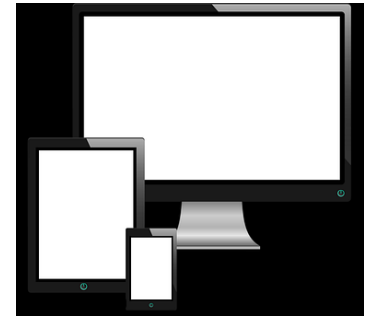
Less costly

Can use on a range of devices



Getting Started with Tablets

- iPad Basics
- Android Basics



Find and Use Information IOS & Android

APP ICONS



APP TITLES

Kobo

Dictionary.com

Canadian Red Cross

CBC News

My Food Guide

Google Maps

Ontario G1 Practice Test

Canada Post

Newsela (IOS)

Communicate Ideas and Information

IOS & Android

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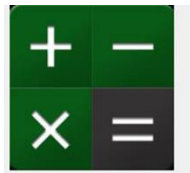


APP TITLES

- Speak It
- Dragon Dictation
- WhatsApp
- Skill Builder Spelling

Understand and Use Numbers IOS & Android

APP ICONS



APP TITLES

- Big Calculator (IOS)
- Calculator Plus Free (Android)
- My Math Flash Cards App
- Fraction Calculator Plus
- Math Academy
- Khan Academy

Some Apps for the Literacy Classroom

Wattpad – a Free reading and writing app

Book Creator Free – create e-books

See Saw – a Free digital journal

Remind – send quick announcements & messages



Even More Apps in the Literacy Classroom !!

Penzu – *free diary, journal or notepad*

Learn to Read, Write and Spell – *multisensory reading and spelling program*

Dictionary.com Flashcards – *wordlists – flashcards & quizzes*

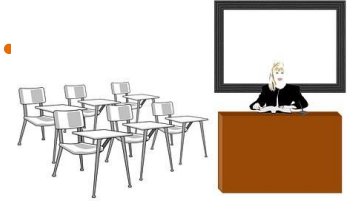
Bluster – *word matching game*

Shop Savvy – *compare prices, find sales*

Transit App – *know when the bus or subway is due, plan trips*

Google Maps – *navigation, street view, transit schedules*

Some Apps for Instructors..



Showbie - *assign, collect, and review student work*

Pocket - *save, discover, and recommend stories on the Web*

DropBox – *save and back-up documents, photos, videos, and other files. All Files you keep in Dropbox are safely backed up*

Evernote - *write, collect and capture ideas as searchable notes, notebooks, checklists and to-do lists -text, sketches, photos, audio, video, PDFs, web clippings and more*

Remember the milk – *to do lists and reminders*



A few tips...

1. Think about how you can design learning experiences
2. Use App search engines to find Apps
3. Organize what you find
4. Not everything that looks cool has a place in your classroom
5. Be patient



Finding Apps

- [Edshelf](#)
- [App Store](#)
- [Apple Education Collection](#)
- [Google Play](#)
- [Appcrawlr](#)
- [Knicket](#)
- [Appsizio](#)
- [Appakin](#)
- [Apps for finding Apps](#)
- [Best App Awards](#)



Evaluating Apps



iPad App Evaluation Guided Questions

Apps in the Classroom

App Evaluation Checklists and Rubrics

Educational Apps: 4 Pillars for Evaluating Classroom Technology



Finding our Way with Apps & Mobile Technology – some issues

- Not many apps designed for adult literacy learning
- Limited classroom connectivity
- Scarcity of time for instructors to find and evaluate apps
- Lack of professional development for instructors to learn about the potential of Mobile Technology



Finding our Way with Apps & Mobile Technology – what can we do?

- Look for Apps that support communication and collaboration
- Use “real world” Apps
- Find out which Apps students are using and why
- Share questions and learning about Apps and Mobile Technology with other instructors



Resources

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