Check out these App Creators in Apple’s App Store or on Google Play:

- Ahoii
- Oceanhouse Media
- Avokiddo
- PBS Kids
- Dr. Panda Cafe
- Sago Mini
- Edoki Academy
- StoryToys
- Fairlady Media
- Studio Pango
- Filimundus
- Tinybop
- Lucas Zanatto
- Toca Boca
- Nosy Crow
- Vizo Vizo

For more information about Kids, Teens & Digital Media, contact the library!

Recommended apps can be found on the library’s Pinterest boards.
www.pinterest.com/homerlibraryak

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Suggested Reading

- Born Reading
  by Jason Boog

- Tap, Click, Read
  by Lisa Guernsey & Michael Levine

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Healthy Media Diet

- Make intentional decisions about digital media with your kids.
- **Explore digital media together** with young children just as you would play or read a paper book with them.
- Free exploration is an important part of learning. The first time children explore an app, let them navigate it at their own pace rather than “teaching” them how to use the app.
- Model positive digital media use. Create a media plan for your whole family.
- Let apps inspire “real world play.”
- Content matters. Choose high quality digital media that is age appropriate.

Choosing Digital Media

- Explore newly downloaded apps in their entirety on your own before exploring them together with your young children.
- Look for apps and other media that help you and your child write, read, play, sing and talk TOGETHER (the 5 early literacy practices for your pre-reader).

**CO-PLAY**
Your child + you + digital media

- You know your child best. Consider your child’s needs, the content of the digital media and when/how/where your child will use the media.

Look for...

**Story/book apps that have:**
- Activities that are meaningful to the story instead of distracting
- A great story with high quality images
- Plain, highly-readable text
- Read-to-me, read-to-myself, and voice record options
- Settings for turning on/off music and other sound effects

**Toy/game apps that:**
- Are fun to play over and over again
- Offer open-ended play
- Encourage creativity
- Strengthen one or more early literacy practices (read, sing, play, write, talk)
- Are age-appropriate

**And have:**
- Intuitive way-finding
- Clean, uncluttered display