

# Recommended Apps: August 2012

Selected by the Children's Librarians at the Chappaqua Library, Chappaqua NY  
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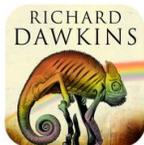


## Leonard

Dev: Ink Robin

Price: \$4 Age: 3+

How will Leonard make friends in his new home? See his creative solution in this funny story.



## The Magic of Reality

Dev: Richard Dawkins & Dave McKean; Transworld Publishers by Somethin' Else

Price: \$14 Age: 10+

Packed with amazing images and virtual experiments, this will change how you and your kids look at the world around you. Cool navigation: swipe down with two fingers!



## More Breakfast

Dev: Maverick Software LLC

Price: \$1 Age: all

Is this just an addicting game? Or is it a super-fun way to explore the most important meal of the day? You decide.

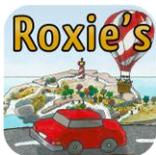


## Over in the Ocean: In a Coral Reef

Dev: Dawn Publications

Price: \$5 Age: 3+

The classic counting song goes undersea, adding interactivity and cool facts to the mix.



## Roxie's A-MAZE-ing Vacation Adventure

Dev: oc graphics

Price \$2 Age: 7+

Like mazes? Drive, walk and search the city, with lots of learning disguised as pure fun.



## Spy Fox in Dry Cereal

Dev: Nimbus Games

Price: \$5 Age: 8+

A PC classic goes mobile: Can you follow the clues and help the super-smooth agent Spy Fox foil an evil breakfast plot? Get your laser toothbrush!



## Toca House and Toca Train

Dev: Toca Boca

Price: \$2 each Age: 3+

More terrific pretend-together play: stock and run a store or drive a train through the countryside, picking up passengers and cargo. Every Toca Boca title is full of kid-appeal.

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**ABC Go** 

Dev: Peapod Labs

**Price: \$3**      **Age: 2+**

Explore the world of vehicles alphabetically, with gorgeous photos and finger scribbling.



**DoodleCast** 

Dev: zinc Roe

**Price: \$2**      **Age: 3+**

Multi-award winner; records your voice as you draw and create short videos.



**Motion Math Wings** 

Dev: Motion Math Games

**Price: Free-\$7**      **Ages: 4+**

Sneakily addictive multiplication game: visual, conceptual, intuitive. Another triumph.



**Noodle Words** 

Dev: Noodleworks

**Price: \$2**      **Age: 4-7**

Another award winner: silly animations make learning words fun.



**Nova Elements** 

Dev: PBS

**Price: Free**      **Age: All ages**

Build molecules and play with an interactive periodic table in this fascinating app.



**Numberleys** 

Dev: Moonbot

**Price: \$5**      **Age: 4+**

Oscar-winners depict the creation of the alphabet in this stylish and fanciful work.



**Toca House** 

Dev: Toca Boca

**Price: \$2**      **Age: 3+**

Help friends do chores around their house; another playful winner from this developer.



**Wild About Books** 

Judy Sierra; Random House Books/Smashing Ideas

**Price: \$5**      **Age: 4+**

A great book takes full advantage of all the iPad's interactive features to make a terrific e-book.

# Recommended Apps: April 2012

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## American Presidents for iPad

Dev: Peripatetic

Price: \$4      Age 10+

U.S. history via each president's life, with portraits, maps and timelines. Both fun and deep.



## The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories

Dev: Oceanhouse Media

Price: \$9      Age: 3+

Seven of Dr. Seuss's lost gems. See also **Dr. Seuss Band**.



## Big Little Brother

Dev: Minnesota Historical Society Press

Price: \$5      Ages: 3+

Based on a sweet and funny story of sibling rivalry.



## Bizzy Bear Goes to the Farm

Dev: Nosy Crow

Price: \$4      Age: 2+

Another great Nosy Crow app; explore a farm, feed the animals and do chores.

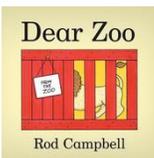


## Color Uncovered

Dev: Exploratorium

Price: Free      Age: All ages

A fascinating exploration of light and color, from the San Francisco Exploratorium, the hands-on children's museum.

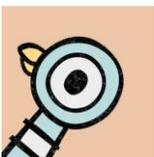


## Dear Zoo

Dev: Pan Macmillan

Price: \$3      Age: 1+

The classic board book becomes a great little app; make the monkey catch you!



## Don't Let the Pigeon Run This App

Dev: Disney Publishing

Price: \$7      Age 3+

The brilliant Mo Willems meets Mad Libs! Now *you're* in charge of creating silly Pigeon tales.



## The Strange and Wonderful World of Ants

Dev: Amos Latteier

Price: \$2      Age: 6+

Enter the very cool world of ants; clever and beautiful. Choose one of three text levels; the easiest is narrated for non-readers.

# RECOMMENDED APPS: January 2012

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## BOBO EXPLORES LIGHT

Craig Fusco (author), Dean MacAdam (illustrator)

Game Collage LLC (developer)

**Age Range: 7 to 10**    **Price: \$5**

Clever and involving, exploring many aspects of light & energy



## GEO WALK HD 3D WORLD FACT BOOK

Vito Technology (developer)

**Age Range: 3 +**                      **Price: \$3**

Explore the world: toggle people, plants, places & animals on the globe. A browser's delight: turn on the quiz mode to test what you've learned!



## LULU IN AUSTRALIA

Vanessa Pol & David Herschel (authors), Stephanie Bertault (illustrator)

Zanzibook (developer)

**Age Range: 2 to 6**    **Price: \$2**                      A charming story with fun little challenges.



## LADYBIRD CLASSIC ME BOOKS

Me Books (developer), Penguin Group USA (developer)

**Age Range: 2 to 6**    **Price: \$1**

Based on British early reader classics. Hotspots can be edited and added. Buy "The Zoo" first and then find other Ladybird classics for in-app purchase for \$1 each.



## MINI ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Innovative Mobile Apps (Great flashcard developer)

**Age Range: 1 to 6**    **Price \$1**

262 unique animal words from A to Z. Each animal word has at least three pictures and three videos. Add your own voice and pictures.



## ABC POCKET PHONICS

Apps in My Pocket (Developer)

**Age Range: 3 to 6**    **Price \$3**

Uses the SOUND of the letter, not the NAME. Also guides kids in finger-tracing the letters.



## SPOT THE DOT

David Carter (author/illustrator), Unicorn Labs (developer)

**Age Range 1 to 6**    **Price: \$4**

For the youngest: develop observation & listening skills. Eye popping and interactive.



## WORD BINGO

ABCya.com (developer)

**Age Range: 3 to 8**    **Price: \$1**

Timed sight words, with Tetris- & Angry Birds-type reward games! (Math version, too)

# REVIEW SITES FOR APPS

## ❖ **AppoLearning**

A website and/or an iPad app. Choose a school level, then a subject: 5 recommendations, with scores, screen shots, some video demos, costs and sources. Limits by platform and device, but some “best of” lists combine.

**Website:** [www.appolearning.com](http://www.appolearning.com)

## ❖ **Children’s Technology Review**

Thoughtful but practical analysis of all children’s educational technology. They offer Little Clickers (websites and videos about high-interest topics), lists of award winners and research articles. You can browse brief reviews, sort by ratings, etc. They have a great YouTube demo channel. Some content, including longer reviews and a searchable database, are available only to subscribers (for \$24/year).

**Website:** <http://childrenstech.com/>

## ❖ **Common Sense Media**

Designed for parents, lots of content: film, books and electronic media; Focus on caution, perhaps not as critical as others. Search engine customizable by age, device, rating and interest. Lots of lists.

**Website:** <http://www.common sense media.org/>

## ❖ **CYBILS Awards**

The Cybils awards are given each year by bloggers for the year's best children's and young adult titles. The committee has just added a category for book apps. Look at their nominees and winners.

**Website:** <http://www.cybils.com/>

## ❖ **Digital Storytime**

Created by a husband (app developer) and wife (educator) team, this database offers the best in iPad & iPhone picturebook apps. You can limit to apps from published books, and ones which allow recording your own voice.

**Website:** <http://www.digital-storytime.com/>

## ❖ **Kirkus Reviews**

An established book review source... “In an online world full of user-generated content, [their] opinion stands out from the noise.” They review book-based iPad apps.

**Website:** <http://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/ipad/>

## ❖ **School Library Journal: *Touch and Go* Column**

SLJ is an authoritative reviewer of children's and young adult content that now includes audio, video, and the Web. *Touch and Go* is a selective guide to the best apps and enhanced books for children and teens.

**Website:** <http://www.slj.com/category/reviews/apps/>

## ❖ **You Tube**

Look for video demonstrations or trailers of particular apps on You Tube.

**Website:** <http://www.youtube.com/>

## ❖ **App Store reviews are sometimes helpful, especially the bad ones!**

**The iPads at the Chappaqua Library have  
many great book and game apps. Come play!**

**Recommendations for apps are welcomed and appreciated 😊**