


PATHFINDER FOR IPAD APPLICATIONS

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This pathfinder is a collection of free iPad applications that will be beneficial for librarians and library patrons to use. Here is a link that illustrates how to successfully download applications: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTviwdfBWrw> and here is a link on how to successfully create folders to organize your applications: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdMCGQ7G0_k

E-Readers


 **iBook:** This permanent application features the ability to read various books and magazines on your iPad. This will be a useful tool for librarians to use during reading hour or for students to use during free time.




Instapaper: Instapaper is an E-Reader that allows access to articles that have been downloaded, sent by email or searched for. This will be helpful in the library for those needing to store journal articles to read for class or future lesson plans.

OverDrive: This app allows users to borrow and read eBooks through their public library. It will encourage library patrons to read more digital material outside of school or during summer hours and allows librarians to utilize it if they do not have a certain title in their collection.

E-Books

 **Aesop:** The Aesop for Children interactive book contains over 140 classic fables that are accompanied by beautiful illustrations and interactions. This will be beneficial for librarians to use for reading hour, reading entertainment or as a resource for future lesson plans.

 **eBook Search:** This app contains categorized titles, based on genre and collection, that one is able to save in their personal eReader. This will be helpful for librarians to use as another source to find text for their digital libraries.

Read Me Stories: This app illustrates reading concepts and introduces new words through an entertaining reading guide. This app will help librarians have another reading source for children to gain literacy, for English lesson plans or as another free time activity.


Educational Activities



Architect: This app explores the Fondation Louis Vuitton, featuring a sketchbook, the ability to create 3D designs and to get inspired by others' works. This app will be beneficial for libraries to have for students to practice art and design in a digital way.




Beethoven 9: This app analyzes past music manuscripts and contains 90 minutes of recordings on insights from musicians, writers and conductors. This will be useful for pairing with a music class, for students interested in music as a future occupation or for recreational fun.


 **Bluster!;** This app helps develop vocabulary and word understanding, through competitive matching games. Bluster! will be beneficial for library patrons who want to test their skills, play for fun or for educational purposes in future lesson plans.

Duolingo: This app allows users to learn another language through an interactive and engaging way. It will be beneficial for library patrons who are studying a new language or when paired up with a teacher in a geography lesson.



HISTORY: MAPS OF WORLD: Explore the world with this interactive map, which illustrates both historical and scientific significances that were produced throughout the years. This app will be useful for libraries to have on hand for class assignments, during geography presentations, or for future lesson plans.


 **NOVA Elements:** This app allows interaction with a periodic table, the ability to build elements, play games, and/or watch the NOVA program, "Hunting the Elements." It will be of great use to students in the library for extra practice, when paired with a teacher's research assignment or for future science teachers' lesson plans.


 **The Presidency:** This app allows easy access to historical information regarding the 44 U.S. Presidents. It will be beneficial for libraries to have for research and information on the history of our government, future lesson plans or themed library weeks.




WORLD BOOK: Learn new worldly information through the historical calendar World Book. Events include multimedia use such as podcasts of past president speeches, various national anthems and much more. This app will be a great source for librarians to use as historical facts for each day of the week.


Library Access & Collections

 **Nearpod:** This app allows librarians to manage the content that the students' are using or searching on their iPads. This will be an essential tool if librarians are allowing iPad checkouts or usage during free time.


 **Destiny Quest:** This app allows librarians and students to use their Destiny catalog system anytime and anywhere. It will allow students to search for resources and place holds on specific items.


Library Research

 **instaGrok:** This app is an education search engine that displays information through images, videos, and text resources. It will be a helpful app for librarians to have for students as another source for research assignments.

 **Subtext:** Subtext helps students move closer to college readiness by encouraging them to analyze what they read. This will be a useful app for librarians to use alongside other teachers as they assign certain lessons and research projects for their classrooms.

Library Reference Resources

 **Merriam-Webster Dictionary:** This app is beneficial for library patrons to define words they may not know, to use a thesaurus and to see the word of the day.

 **Easybib:** This app allows step-by-step guidance in understanding MLA and APA styled citation creation. This will be great source for libraries to have on their iPads for students to use as a guide and resource.

News


CNN News: This app allows you to stay informed with the latest headlines and original stories from around the globe. It will be useful in libraries to allow student to keep up date with reports and breaking news alerts.

News-O-Matic: This app allows users to better understand current events and news in the world around them through "video clips, maps, interesting fact and other handy information." This will be helpful for librarians to use for daily news reports or as a resource for library patrons to use.



NPR News: This app allows users to follow and listen to local and national news through multimedia usage, such as podcasts, videos and text. This will be help for librarians, as they will be able to bookmark their favorite stations or find stations based on their location.

Productivity

 **Dropbox:** This app will be beneficial for librarians to use with other faculty members or for library patrons to learn more about in relation to sharing course work with their teachers or other classmates for projects.

• **Educreations:** This app is excellent for teaching concepts at-home or during students' free time. It can also be a site for teachers or librarians to record lesson plans or teaching topics and allow students to watch the videos to better understand them.

• **Evernote:** This app allows users to write notes, organize documents, and discuss work with others. This will be a useful tool for librarians to use in conjunction with other teachers' lesson plans for researching on databases or text.

• **Popplet Lite:** This app allows users to capture and organize their ideas, while learning and working visually. It is an app that helps users study class notes, brainstorm ideas, plan projects and collect inspiration. This will be another great tool for library patrons to use for research or studying.

Here are a list of resources that we used when choosing these applications and their written descriptions on each:

- iTunes Application Store
- MIT Libraries -- <http://libguides.mit.edu/c.php?g=176092&p=1160831>
- Touchpress -- <http://www.touchpress.com/>
- 45 Most Exciting Apps For Librarians -- <http://librarysciencelist.com/25-most-popular-apps-used-by-librarians/>