



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

**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

Library Hours

MON 10 AM-6 PM
 TUES 10 AM-8 PM
 WED 10 AM-6 PM
 THURS 10 AM-8 PM
 FRI 10 AM-6 PM
 SAT 10 AM-6 PM
 SUN CLOSED

Homer Public Library
cityofhomer-ak.gov/library
 907-235-3180
 500 Hazel Ave., Homer, AK 99603



YOUNG CHILDREN & DIGITAL MEDIA

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 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 |

Suggested Reading

Born Reading
 by Jason Boog

Tap, Click, Read
 by Lisa Guernsey
 & Michael Levine

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