AASL BEST APPS
FOR TEACHING & LEARNING 2018

American Association of School Librarians

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FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING
2018
CHARGE

The charge of the Best Apps for Teaching & Learning Committee is:
To develop an annual list of top Apps that AASL will recognize as being the best of the best for teaching and learning.
Hello my name is

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This year we are connecting our selections to the AASL Shared Foundations.
WHY APPS?
WHEN DOES NATIVE APPYNESS MATTER?

1. Portability: immediate mobile accessibility
2. Manipulability: being able to use a touch screen and use scootch features
3. Access to the camera
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5. Personalization
6. Multiple response
7. Use of specialized tools/accessories/pens
25 Best Apps For Teaching and Learning
Clips

- **Level:** All
- **Developer:** Apple
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** Free
Complete Fairytale Play Theater

- **Level:** Pre-School - Middle School
- **Developer:** Nosy Crow
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** $4.99
Engaging Congress

- **Level:** Middle School
- **Developer:** Indiana University
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Quick Tip:** The screen will indicate when there are interactive activities for the user
- **Cost:** Free
How Do I Play...

Engaging Congress
Google Spotlight Stories

- Level: Upper Elementary - High School
- Developer: Google
- Platform: iOS, Google Play
- Cost: Free
Google Translate

- **Level:** All
- **Developer:** Google
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Cost:** Free
GooseChaseEDU

- **Level:** All
- **Developer:** Goose Chase Adventures
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Cost:** Free for basic version
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TEAM 1
560

TEAM 2
410

TEAM 3
742
Hopscotch

» **Level:** 3rd Grade - Middle School
» **Developer:** Hopscotch Technologies
» **Platform:** iOS
» **Cost:** Free. (In app purchases, subscription rates vary)
Human Anatomy Atlas 2018

- **Level:** High School +
- **Developer:** Visible Body
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** $24.99
Visible Body

Find the app that fits your needs
Incredibox

» **Level:** Elementary - High School

» **Developer:** So Far So Good

» **Platform:** iOS, Google Play

» **Cost:** $0.99
Libby for Overdrive

- **Level:** All
- **Developer:** Overdrive
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Cost:** Free
Metaverse AR Browser

- **Level:** Middle & High School
- **Developer:** GoMeta Inc.
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** Free
Office Lens

» **Level:** 3rd Grade - Adult
» **Developer:** Microsoft
» **Platform:** iOS
» **Cost:** Free
PBS Kids Games

» **Level:** Preschool to Grade 3
» **Developer:**
» **Platform:** iOS, Android
» **Cost:** Free
PBS Kids Video

» Level: Preschool to Grade 3
» Developer: PBS
» Platform: iOS
» Cost: Free
Periodic Table: Royal Society of Chemistry

- **Level:** Middle & High School
- **Developer:** Microsoft
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** Free
Pixie by TechLearning

» Level: All
» Developer: Tech4Learning
» Platform: iOS, Chrome, Android, Windows
» Cost: 9.99
Words from Wonka

Introducing New Rainbow Wraps

You won't want to miss the latest candy creation from the Wonka factory.

The Oompa Loompas have been working overtime catching rainbows to mix in with sugary goodness. Then, they grab one end and spin and spin until the wrap is complete.

Stop by the candy store and ask for yours today.

Squirrels on Strike!

For the first time ever, the squirrels at Wonka Chocolate are on strike.

Union organizer, squirrel #112A says they are asking for shorter hours, more time off, and a better dental plan.

"All of those nuts are hard on our teeth," he claims.

I don't quite believe it," says owner Willy Wonka. "They're really treated quite well, and have the same health benefits as the Oompa Loompas.

"All this overtime is nuts!" #546

Both sides are working to reach an agreement and get crackin' again."
Procreate

- **Level:** High School - Adult
- **Developer:** Savage Interactive Pty
- **Platform:** iOS,
- **Cost:** $9.99
Puppet Master

» **Level:** PreK - 8th Grade
» **Developer:** Schmonster LLC
» **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
» **Cost:** Free
Recap

» **Level:** Elementary - High School

» **Developer:** Swivl

» **Platform:** iOS, Google Play, Web

» **Cost:** Free
RelationShapes

- **Level:** Pre-school - Early Elementary
- **Developer:** VizuVizu
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Cost:** Free
Science Journal

- **Level:** Fifth Grade - Adult
- **Developer:** Google
- **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
- **Cost:** Free
SDGs in Action

» **Level:** Middle School - Adult
» **Developer:** GSMA Education
» **Platform:** iOS, Google Play
» **Cost:** Free
Download the SDGs IN ACTION mobile app to TAKE ACTION

Help these IMPORTANT GOALS become a reality.
Seeing AI
(Talking Camera for the Blind)

- **Level:** All
- **Developer:** Microsoft
- **Platform:** iOS
- **Cost:** Free
Signed Stories

- **Level:** Pre-school to Middle School
- **Developer:** ITV Broadcasting
- **Platform:** iOS, iPhone
- **Cost:** Free (book bundles must be purchased)
Alice the camel has five humps
Swiipe

» **Level:** Middle School - Adult
» **Developer:** Alex Goodison
» **Platform:** iOS
» **Cost:** Free
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6. **Multiple response**: Recap
7. **Use of specialized tools/accessories/pens**: Procreate
Best Apps for Teaching & Learning

The Best Apps for Teaching & Learning is a recognition honoring apps of exceptional value to inquiry-based teaching.

- 2017 Best Apps for Teaching & Learning
- Past Best Apps for Teaching & Learning Lists
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# Best Apps for Teaching & Learning

## Past Lists

2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013

Use the table below to sort apps by name, category, or recognition year. Choose the desired sort by clicking the tab at the bottom of the table.

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### Tools & Resources

Share the Best Apps for Teaching & Learning with your school community!

- Best Apps for Teaching & Learning Logo
- Best Apps for Teaching & Learning Webinars

#### 2017

- Bookmark
- Best Apps on Pinterest
- AASL announces 2017 Best Apps for Teaching & Learning

#### 2016

- Bookmark
- Best Apps Revealed Session
- Presentation from ALA Annual Conference: Storify | Google Slides
- 2016 Best Websites Interactive Infographic
- AASL announces 2016 list of Best Apps for Teaching & Learning

#### 2015

- Bookmark
- Logo
- Pinterest
- Presentation from ALA Annual Conference
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#### 2014

- Bookmark (Color)
- Bookmark (B&W)
- Logo
- Pinterest
- Presentation from ALA Annual Conference
- AASL announces 2014 list of Best Apps for Teaching & Learning