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**Apps for Librarians: Using the Best Mobile Technology to Educate, Create, and Engage** Nicole Hennig Smartphones and other mobile devices that support downloadable applications--universally referred to as "apps"--can be used to foster productivity, conduct research, or read and study. Additionally, savvy librarians can better serve their communities by gaining expertise in mobile technologies and being qualified to make app recommendations to patrons. This book introduces you to the apps that can help you save time and increase your own productivity as well as serve as a curator and reviewer of apps and resident expert to benefit your patrons.

*Apps for Librarians: Using the Best Mobile Technology to Educate, Create, and Engage* will save you from wading through and learning about the millions of apps available today and direct you to the very best apps in areas important to education, the workplace, and professional development. Organized by function--reading, writing, reference, multi-media, and productivity--apps are profiled with the following information: title, developer, price, platforms, general description, examples of use, and key features that make it worthwhile for learning and creative work.

## Apps for Librarians: Using the Best Mobile Technology to Educate, Create, and Engage Details

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# **From Reader Review Apps for Librarians: Using the Best Mobile Technology to Educate, Create, and Engage for online ebook**

## **Maria says**

I am someone who is familiar with many of these apps, but I still learned several new things after reading this book! I would definitely recommend this book to any librarian who is new to selecting/purchasing apps and would like to use mobile apps in the workplace.

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## **Kimberly says**

Lots of great info here. I knew about several of these apps but there were many that were new to me. This must have been a very time-consuming list to put together!

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## **Jessica says**

This is a wonderful resource for information professionals looking to integrate apps in their work. This book could be used to introduce technology savvy customers to new apps or as a resource for a technology class/program.

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## **Jasmine says**

This book would be good for someone who doesn't keep up to date with basic apps available. I have used every app in the book and was looking for something new, but it is definitely a good compilation of apps for everyday uses and library-related uses. Recommended for those looking to mainstream their tasks and utilize the advantages of apps.

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## **Sarah says**

Disclaimer #1: I received a free copy from the author through Goodreads. Thank you!

Disclaimer #2: While I work in a library, I'm not actually a librarian.

That being said, I found this to be a very useful, informative read. While I was familiar with many of the apps listed, some of them were new to me, and I look forward to checking those out. And moreover, even for the apps I was already very familiar with, it was great to see all of the app details in one spot. The information about pricing, compatible operating systems, and basic functioning of the various apps is something that I know will come in handy when assisting patrons. I wish I'd known about this book earlier this year, when I was teaching iPad classes to library patrons.

So, overall, this is a concise, informative book, and I look forward to putting the information it contains to good use when assisting patrons.

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### **Ietrio says**

Nice compilation of mobile apps. The downside is the author works as a state employed librarian. He compiled the list. There is no mention of the strings attached like free, but registration imposed and private data stored on the company servers. The apps are free, but there is a clear bias towards iOS and there are no alternatives when only iOS is supported.

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### **Michele says**

I received this book as a Goodreads giveaway.

Apps for Librarians is a useful tool with numerous suggestions some of which I have heard of and others I have not. I will definitely be using this book to reference back to this upcoming school year. It is going on my professional book shelf at my library.

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### **Cat says**

If apps are totally new to you and you feel overwhelmed with where to begin, this will be a very useful tool for you. It's clear and concise and breaks apps into various categories that are practical and easy to understand. While I didn't find much that I hadn't already come across through my own tinkering, I get how it would be useful to someone just getting started. The majority of this book felt to an introduction to apps for anyone - not just librarians - so in that sense I was a little disappointed. I was hoping for a little more on how to creatively use apps in your library or how to creatively promote apps for your patrons. Much of this just seemed like general use.

That said, I think this would be better suited as a website or blog, something that can be regularly updated. I had a feeling that would be the case, it usually is with these types of books. Of the handful of apps that I went to look at, most were already outdated or not at the listed URL. While it is nice to have a primer like this with apps covering a range of topics, as I read over each section I couldn't help but feel you'd find more useful results just by googling "best apps for [fill in the blank]", complete with user reviews. But again - even that can be overwhelming to someone just getting started, or they might not think to google an app for some of the categories listed in this book.

I did find the final chapters on performing your own analysis of apps helpful, it's something I'll keep in mind when recommending apps to patrons. It also reminded me to follow up on an email we got from LibraryThing about creating our personalized app, so thanks for that Nicole Hennig 8)

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## **Judy says**

This book has some interesting suggestions for useful Apps. Unfortunately some are already no longer available. I guess that's the way of the App world. I did find some useful ones that I was able to incorporate into my daily workflow. I think it worth the time to read, if only to get ideas on what is out there.

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## **Blazingbooks says**

Seems to be slanted toward Apple products. Covers your basic apps that most people should be using or familiar with. Could be useful in a tech introduction program as the descriptions of the apps are good and the Audience and Examples sections provide some enlightening information.

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## **Elise says**

Fantastic resource for any librarian or library staff member that works with technology in their programming or services.

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