Tea & Talk: Our Favorite Apps for Writing and Reading

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Our Favorite Apps: Reading and Writing

• With the introduction of Apps, we are experiencing a drastic technology evolution that is revolutionizing the field of Assistive Technology and producing positive life changing results for individuals with disabilities. Apps are assisting students by promoting more independence, increasing opportunities for inclusion, promoting depth of learning, providing equal access in educational settings and supporting smoother transitions.

• This Tea & Talk will provide participants with opportunities to learn about & share with others specific App solutions.
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Learn about the Tools for Life AppFinder
- Exploring Our Favorite Apps for Living
- Sharing Your Favorite Apps
- Q&A

For Handouts: http://www.gatfl.gatech.edu/tflwiki
TFL AppFinder

Search by:

✓ App Name
✓ Categories
  – Book
  – Education
  – Environmental Adaptations
  – Hearing
  – Cognition, Learning, Developmental
  – Navigation
  – Personal Care and Safety
  – Productivity
  – Communication
  – Therapeutic Aids
  – Vision
Welcome to Tools for Life

Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program, is dedicated to increasing access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) devices and services for Georgians of all ages and disabilities so they can live, learn, work and play independently and with greater freedom in communities of their choice.

Tools for Life and the TFL Network work collaboratively together to accomplish our mission through:

- AT Demonstration
- AT Evaluations and Assessments
- AT Funding Options & Education
- Access to the TFL AT Lending Libraries
- AT & Durable Medical Equipment Reuse
- AT Training (Individual)
- AT Training (Groups)
AppFinder

Welcome to the Tools for Life Database - Our Favorite Apps for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing!

Search By:

Name:

OR

Category:

Please select...

Price:

Free ○ Up to $4.99 ○ Up to $9.99 ○ All

Device Type:

All ○ Android ○ iOS ○ Microsoft

Search

Add an App | Rate an App | Comments and Suggestions

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APP FINDER

...for Living, Learning, Working, and Playing.

AT ONLINE EXCHANGE
gTRADE
gTRADE, Georgia's Online...
### My Favorite Apps

You searched for: Learning, Cognition, and Developmental

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gtrade 
eTrade, Georgia’s Online Equipment Exchange
encourages members to offer AT and DME for sale or donation to others who may benefit from using technology not needed by others.
LET’S EXPLORE OUR FAVORITE APPS!
Apps for Reading and Writing
Umano

- News read to you by real people
- Make a playlist of articles
- Download to listen to offline
- Upgrade to premium for $3.99/ month
- Free
WebReader

- Text to speech technology for reading web page content
- Web pages can be read as soon as they are loaded or use Cut, Copy, & Paste to read only sections of webpage
- Highlights as it reads text
- Speaking rate control available
- $1.99
Voice Pad

• Record lectures
• Tag the audio with notes
• Tap the audio tag next to the note to recall exactly what was said during which a specific note was taken
• Free
Perfect OCR

- $3.99
- Uses the built-in camera to scan documents
- Edit, copy, store, email documents
- Upload to online storage is as Evernote
- Does take practice for picture
Learning Ally

- Learning Ally
  - DAISY
  - Membership required
  - over 75,000 audiobooks, audio textbooks, and other recorded books
  - Free Trial
Bookshare

- Online Accessible Library
- Free membership to qualified students and schools
  - Textbooks if school is member
- 208,769 titles
- Serves individuals with:
  - Vision disabilities
  - Physical disabilities
  - Learning disabilities
Audible.com

- Digital audiobooks
- Read by Hollywood stars, authors, and professional narrators
- Listen anywhere
- Over 150,000 titles
- Membership
  – $14.95/ month for one book
ClaroSpeak US

- Text-to-Speech
- import documents and PDFs into ClaroSpeak from apps such as Mail, or import PDF, Word, Pages and other files directly from Dropbox using
- Change font and color
- Save text as an audio file
- Visual Tracking
- Send Text
Voice Dream

- Text to Speech
- Highlights as it reads
- Import
  - Bookshare
  - Dropbox
  - Gutenburg
  - Word Doc
  - PDFs
- Buy different voices
- Change rate of speed
- Download for later reading
- $9.99
BARD Mobile

- Access directly to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
- Must be registered
- Settings
- Can use with braille display
- [http://www.loc.gov/nls/find.html](http://www.loc.gov/nls/find.html)
- Free
Firefly

- Kurzweil 3000
- Need web license
- Read text out loud
- 4 voices
- Upload Universal Library
- Mobile access for sharing
Catch Notes

- Free
- Capture ideas instantly with voice, photo, and text notes
- Use online AND offline on your mobile phone or tablet
- Share checklists to collaborate on to-do lists
- Set reminders
iWordQ

• App version of Word Q software
• Not available with SpeechQ right now
• In context word prediction
• Dictionary
• Text-to-Speech
• Dropbox
• Saves documents
Say it & Mail it Pro

- Email voice memos
- Attach pictures
- Set preference to start recording as soon as app opens
- Add location
Ginger App

- Free
- Grammar and Spell checker
- Personal Assistant
- Use it to correct text messages, Whatsapp messages, Gmail and Outlook emails, and even social media apps such as Facebook
Brevity

- Word Completion App
- Automatically add words if not in list
- Remembers how often you use words and offers the most frequently chosen options to you first
- E-mail Support - Send e-mails from directly within the application
- Text Message Support
- Remove misspelled or unwanted words
- Set prediction font size and window transparency
Dragon Dictation

- Voice Recognition
- Free
- Dictate notes, emails, Twitter, and Facebook
- Supports many languages
- Cut, Copy, Paste
- Android
  - Dragon Go!
  - Dragon Hands Free Assistant
iWriteRead

- TextHelp
- No internet needed to use
- Text-to-speech
- Word Prediction
- Phonetic Spell Checker
- Homophone and Confusables Checker
- Dictionary
- Picture Dictionary
- Customizable Background and Text Colors
- Choice of Voices and Fonts
- Importing and Sharing documents
Story Patch

• Create your own picture book
• Hundreds of included images
• Ability to import pictures
• Easy to use
• $2.99
Talk with Us!

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Our Question to You: What have You Learned today?
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