Apps to Get You Started

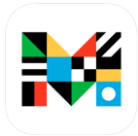## Library Apps (Pre-Installed)

The following apps can be used **FREE** of charge with a valid North Vancouver City Library card.

Libby, by OverDrive
This app provides an easy way to download eBooks and e-Audiobooks from the Library via the Library2Go collection. It is easy to set up and highly intuitive to use. Available to anyone with an NVCL card.

Mango Languages
A fun, engaging way to learn a new language. Mango offers over 70 different languages, and all courses are linguist-approved. Note: You will need to create a Mango account on the Library's website before using this app: www.nvcl.ca/databases#m

PressReader
Choose from thousands of magazines and newspapers and read them in the image-rich original layout. Includes titles from 120 countries, in over 60 languages. Often new issues are available in the app before they're out in print.

RBdigital
With RBdigital you can check out and enjoy your favorite audiobooks and magazines from your local library--all in one app. Requires registering for an RBdigital account, using your NVCL card and your email address.

IndieFlix
Movies, shorts, documentaries, and classic TV shows, streaming for free with your Library card. Note: You will need to create an IndieFlix account on the Library's website before using this app: www.nvcl.ca/databases#i

Creativebug
Thousands of arts and crafts video classes, with activities for all ages and new content added daily. Note: You will need to create a Creativebug account on the Library's website before using this app: www.nvcl.ca/databases#cbug

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Social Media

These popular apps help people connect with friends and family, and build their social networks. All are free to download from the App Store, and require you to set up an account.

Facebook
Facebook allows you to see what friends are up to, and share updates, photos and video. https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/facebook/id284882215?mt=8

Instagram
Instagram is a fun way to share your photos with friends.
https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/instagram/id389801252?mt=8

LinkedIn
LinkedIn provides an effective online network for professionals and job hunters.
https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/linkedin/id288429040?mt=8

Twitter
Twitter is an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages.
https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/twitter/id333903271?mt=8

Video Conferencing

All the following apps are free to download from the App Store, but all require you to set up an account and some require subscriptions to access premium features.

ZOOM
Video meetings, for both professional and personal use
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/zoom-cloud-meetings/id546505307

Skype
Free video calls with any phone number or a microsoft account
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/skype-for-iphone/id304878510

Duo by Google
Free video calls for Gmail users
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-duo/id1096918571

Facetime
Make free video calls to other Apple users
Pre-Installed

Reading & Entertainment

All the following apps are free to download from the App Store, but most require you to set up an account and some require subscriptions or have in-app purchases.

Litsy
Discover and share new books, track your reading, connect with friends
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/litsy/id1037017919

YouTube & YouTube Kids
Watch, stream, and discover video, where anyone can be a creator
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/youtube-watch-listen-stream/id544007664

Netflix
The subscription-based video-streaming giant, with 1000's of movies and TV shows
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/netflix/id363590051

Apple TV+
Apple's video service: buy or rent movies, subscribe to premium channels.
Pre-Installed

For Kids

Common Sense Media (https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-lists) has lots of great suggestions for age-appropriate, quality apps for kids, in categories such as No Wi-fi or Data, Educational Apps with Solid Privacy Policies, Watch-Together Apps, Podcasts, and Digital Libraries.

Preschoolers: Ages 2 – 4

Fish School
Learn letters, numbers, colours, and shapes with underwater friends
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fish-school-hd-by-duck-duck-moose/id367567922

Sesame Street
Video clips and games, featuring all your favourite Sesame Street characters
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/sesame-street/id912435108

Peek-a-Zoo, by Duck Duck Moose
Learn animals, emotions, actions, and sounds with zoo creatures
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/peek-a-zoo-by-duck-duck-moose/id477766317

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For Little Kids: Ages 5 – 7

PBS Kids Games
Over 100 free educational games for kids, featuring PBS Kids characters like Arthur
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/pbs-kids-games/id1050773989

HOMER Reading: Learn to Read
A fun way to learn to read. Subscription service, but free to try free for 1 month
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/homer-reading-learn-to-read/id601437586

Kahn Academy Kids
Reading, language, writing, math activities and games, with no ads or subscriptions
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/khan-academy-kids/id1378467217

For Big Kids: Ages 8 – 9

codeSpark Academy
A "no words" interface that teaches the basics of computer programming skills
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/codespark-academy-kids-coding/id923441570

SushiMonster
Practice and improve math skills with this appropriately challenging game
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/sushi-monster/id512651258

Rolling Sky
A challenging and addictive ball-rolling arcade game
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1036661603?ign-mpt=uo%3D4

For Tweens

Booey's A Ghost's Code
This beautiful puzzle game was built to help develop skills essential to tech careers
https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/booeys-a-ghosts-code/id1145825212

Bike Race Free
A simple, physics-based BMX arcade game – race through loops, jumps, and stunts
https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bike-race-free-style-games/id510461758

Space Science Investigators: Plant Growth, by NASA
Experiment with plant growth in space! Can you grow enough plants for an astronaut's salad? https://apps.apple.com/us/app/space-science-investigations-plant-growth/id1131254597