



Early Literacy Alliance  
of Waterloo Region

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# E-Books, Apps, and Reading in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An ELAWR literacy café for professionals



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Looking for e-resources?

- Smart Apps for Kids [www.smartappsforkids.com](http://www.smartappsforkids.com)
- Common Sense Media [www.common Sense Media.org](http://www.common Sense Media.org)
- Children's Technology Review [www.childrenstech.com](http://www.childrenstech.com)
- Digital Storytime [www.digital-storytime.com](http://www.digital-storytime.com)
- Literacy, Families and Learning News Daily Blog  
<http://paper.li/TrevorHCairney/1307930979>
- Little elit Blog [www.littleelit.com](http://www.littleelit.com)
- Many, many more...

## A sampling of e-resources to support early literacy skill development

### Talking (vocabulary, phonological awareness)

- [www.wonderopolis.com](http://www.wonderopolis.com)
- *Action Words app*, by Innovative Mobile Apps, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad
- *iTouchiLearn Feelings for Preschool app* by Staytooned, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, Nook HD

### Singing (phonological awareness, vocabulary)

- <http://bpl.bc.ca/kids/embracing-diversity/songs-and-rhymes> from Burnaby Public Library's "Embracing Diversity" initiative

### Reading (narrative skills, vocabulary, letter knowledge, print awareness, print motivation, phonological awareness)

- [www.guysread.com](http://www.guysread.com)
- [www.downloadlibrary.ca](http://www.downloadlibrary.ca)
- Tumblebooks (available through your public library website)
- *Another Monster at the End of This Book app*, by Sesame Workshop, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Kindle Fire

### Writing (letter knowledge, print awareness)

- [www.hwtears.com](http://www.hwtears.com)
- *Alphatots app*, by Spinlight Studio, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire, Nook HD
- *Don't Let the Pigeon Run This App! app*, by Disney, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad

### Playing

- <http://ele.fredrogerscenter.org>
- *Toca Boca apps*, by Toca Boca, available for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad