Pinning for Little eLit

Thanks for your interest in being a part of Little eLit's apps collection! We are looking for librarians to pin field-tested apps for use with kids, in programs such as storytime or anytime, so librarians, parents, and educators have a place to go to find reliable information about apps.

We appreciate your pinning help, flexibility, and feedback! The Pinterest boards will help us develop the bigger LibrarianApproved.com apps database project, draw attention to our efforts to inform librarians, educators, and parents about the value of using quality interactive digital media, and share quality apps.

Before you start pinning to the Little eLit boards, you need to:

● Join www.pinterest.com.
● Send us an email telling us about yourself and your interest in the project.
● Send us a sample pin, including the metadata format outlined in the descriptions below. (The same metadata format is included in each of the Little eLit board descriptions).
● Let us know if you want to focus on one or more specific boards (for example: preschool storytime or elementary programs).

Once you've completed these steps, we'll invite you to pin to Little eLit boards! You're welcome to repin apps you've pinned on your own boards, just be sure to include the metadata when you repin. If you pin apps to your own boards, we'll follow you!

The only difference between pinning in general and pinning for Little eLit boards, is the metadata we include with each pinned image (see below or in the description included at the top of each board). Pinterest limits the text accompanying each image to 500 words, so we have developed a format for the text that allows us to include valuable information for users while limiting unnecessary text.

The Little eLit administrator cannot edit pins (and the accompanying metadata) so please stick to the metadata format. We can only delete them. Please understand that because this is an evolving project, the format of the metadata or the boards may be updated and we'll notify you if it is.

Do's and Don'ts

● Pin the most representative image of the app you can find- either by pinning the website or searching for a pin of the app in Pinterest. ie. search for Squiggle Fish app in Pinterest, repin the image you think is the best, and then add the appropriate metadata. (Repinning is a great way to introduce other users to the Little eLit project.)
● Please only pin appropriate, field-tested apps that haven't been pinned already.

- Please pin media to the appropriate board (see descriptions below).
- Please include metadata.
- If you have questions or need help, please contact us littleelit@gmail.com.

Metadata Format Key

Example:

Title :: Developer :: OS/Device :: Storytime Use :: Technical Notes :: Cost at Time of Review :: Age

- Title = What is the full title of the app?
- Developer = Who developed the app? Who created the original book, if applicable?
- OS/Device = Is the app for an iPhone and/or an iPad? Is there an Android or Kindle version? Is there another version?
- Storytime Use = How would you use the app with kids in the storytime setting? Does the app incorporate any ECRR skills or practices? Is it a STEM/STEAM activity?
- Technical Notes = Are there any technical details that are important to using the app with kids? Are there in-app purchases and/or in-app ads? Are there parent settings? Is personal data being collected? Are there any navigation issues? Are there any special technical needs?
- Cost at Time of Review = Costs can vary, but what is the estimated cost of the app? An estimated cost can be helpful for board users.
- Age = What is the approximate age for which the app is appropriate? (the app will be pinned to multiple boards if applicable to multiple age groups)

Little eLit Boards

- **E-books for Storytime: Toddler** - E-books field tested by librarians for ages 0-3. Details include: Title :: Developer :: OS/Device :: Storytime Use :: Technical Notes :: Age
- **E-books for Storytime: Preschool** - E-books field tested by librarians for ages 3-5. Details include: Title :: Developer :: OS/Device :: Storytime Use :: Technical Notes :: Age
- **Apps for Storytime: Toddler** - These apps have been field tested by Librarians for ages 0-3. Details include: Title :: Developer :: OS/Device :: Storytime Use :: Technical Notes :: Age
- **Apps for Storytime: Preschool** - These apps have been field tested by Librarians for use with kids ages 3-5. Details include: Title :: Developer :: OS/Device :: Storytime Use :: Technical Notes :: Age
- **Apps for Anytime: Toddler** - These apps are field-tested by librarians for use with kids ages 0-3. Many are best used one on one or in small groups instead of in a storytime setting.
- **Apps for Anytime: Preschool** - These apps are field-tested by librarians for use with kids ages 3-5. Many are best used one on one or in small groups instead of in a storytime setting.
- **Apps for Elementary Programs** - These apps are field-tested by librarians for programs with kids ages 5-10. Details include: Name :: Developer :: OS :: Program Use :: Technical Notes :: Age
- **Apps for Anytime: Elementary** - These apps are field-tested by librarians for use with kids ages 5-10. Many are best used one on one or in small groups instead of in a program setting. Details include: Name :: Developer :: OS :: Technical Notes :: Age