

Reading Apps That Offer Free Books

Farfia: A traveling book library for kids with hundreds of books for kids age 2 to 10. The app is free to download and have one free book every day without subscription. With subscription, kids can read books offline without WiFi after you download the books on your device. <https://www.farfaria.com/>

National Geographic Young Explorer: A free online magazine designed for kids from National Geographic Kids. It is available on their website and as apps for Apple devices and Android devices. It has 7 issues each year, with options to read in English or Spanish. nationalgeographic.org/education/explorer-magazine/resources/

Timbuktu: A children's magazine on the iPad. You can download the app for free. It has 12 issues per year, that requires subscription, but each issue has 2 stories free without subscription. The design of the stories is different from traditional magazines, with many visuals and engaging actions to encourage young readers to read more. igamemom.com/kids-magazine-on-ipad-timbuktu/

Poetry from the Poetry Foundation: The app offers free access to thousands of poems from the Poetry Foundation. The content is updated monthly. Although not designed for kids, parents can find kids appropriate content by searching for themes like Spring or Friendship. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

Oxford Owl: Not an app, but a website that is fully functional on iPad and iPhone. You need to sign up for a free membership to access the content, which include math and reading. There are over 250 eBooks in the Reading section and all can be accessed for free on both computer and mobile devices. Most books also have audio so kids can listen to the books. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Memetales: A book reader app designed for kids 10 and younger. It is free to download with 15 free books upon downloading the app. After that, the app offers one free book each week. It is available for both Apple devices and Android devices. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.memetales.mobile.mereader&hl=en>

Starfall: It started as a website, and has now gradually moved the content to the free app. Starfall is a learning program, including reading for young children, and it has many kids' books on the site that are free. www.starfall.com/

I Like Stories: A free app with about 40 free books for kids, and 6 books are free. All books are titled "I Like xxx". Kids can also create their books to read with family and friends. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/i-like-stories-storytime-for/id833461983?mt=8>

Aesop for Children: This one is from the Library of Congress. There are over 140 classic fables, with beautiful illustrations and light interactivities. There is no narration in the app kids have to read it by themselves. It is a great read aloud book. read.gov/aesop/

WWF Together: Introduces some amazing animals such as tiger, elephant, and panda, with stunning photographs, accompanied with short paragraphs and animal facts. All animals in the app are endangered. There are some interactive activities in the app. For each animal, there is a cute origami with instructions of how to make it. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wwf-together/id581920331?mt=8>

Biography Comics Who: Designed for kids 8 and older, the series has 29 biographies. Two books comes with the app for free. Oprah Winfrey and Bill Gates. The rest are available via In-App Purchase. The right level writing plus funny cartoon expressions make it a fun read for the kids. igamemom.com/biography-comics-who/