



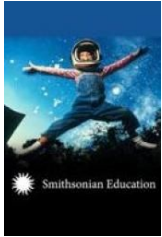
## Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library  
Media Specialists*

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Selected by the elementary library media specialists for the families of Grosse Pointe Public Schools Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks" We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions.

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Smithsonian Education Students poses important art, science, and history questions and then gives kids the tools to explore them. If the solar system is the size of a fried egg, how big is our galaxy? Activities like Sizing up the Universe help kids make predictions about scale and checking them using math. How has the role of government during a national crisis changed since World War II? The Rationing During WWII activity lets kids use primary source materials to examine this and other big questions.

[The Robot Factory](#) - \$2.99 - iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad



Kids begin by naming and personalizing a profile for themselves, and then they can immediately design a robot. They choose from dozens of parts including a torso, a head, arms and legs, hands, and facial features. Using their device's microphone, kids also can record three sounds for the robot and can choose the robot's color scheme. Save the robot in the collection, and then take it out into the world to test how well the robot does on a variety of terrain.

[Thinkrolls](#) - \$3.99 - iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad



Thinkrolls: Kings & Queens has a story-based focus including kings and queens, dragons and castles. The scientific thinking required to solve the puzzles has a magical tone, with flying potions, ghosts and mirrors, and magical harps to put crocodiles to sleep. The challenges require thinking and planning ahead, but kids can try without penalty until they figure it out. The levels get progressively harder, and kids must complete all the chapters in one story before moving on to the next.

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