



Smart Phones: 3 Cool Apps

I know my tips are usually about Microsoft Office – because that's what I teach. But smartphone and tablet apps are such a big part of some people's business and personal life that I thought I would share some that rock my world.

In order of my excitement level (yeah, I know, get a life):

Libby

Borrow digital books, audiobooks, and magazines from your public library. All you need is a library card from your local library and the Libby app and you're ready to go.

As a voracious reader, I can't say enough good things about this app.



WeatherCAN

Even if you live in the boonies, this app will have your weather. Excellent radar as well as hourly and 7-day forecasts.



Spaceteam

If you're going to play on your phone – play with your friends!

It's a multiplayer (2-8 people) video game where you play as a team. Each member gets their own unique spaceship dashboard – all with different gadgets, sliders and knobs. Technobabble-type instructions pop up on the screen (everyone's screen – different instructions – all at the same time). If your screen doesn't have the element that needs adjusting, you have to yell it out to the team (as others are yelling out) so that the right person implements the instruction. Eventually you won't be able to keep up and your spaceship explodes. But it's great fun seeing how far your team can get.



Don't play it when the kids are asleep – or they won't be for long. It's loud (from everyone yelling). A real hoot!