I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas

12 days of Apps

Winter in Montana provides a dozen ways to get off of your computer, out of the house, and enjoy the season. However, for those days where it’s a brisk -2 degrees F outside and you just don’t feel like putting on five layers of clothes to go for a walk, we compiled some entertaining apps and checked it twice. These holiday apps are perfect to boost your holiday cheers during Hulu commercials, bathroom breaks, or even those awkward family encounters.

Secret Santa Tombola – (IOS) This app is great when you don’t have any gift ideas for Secret Santa. It gives you options based on gender of the person and whether it’s fun, meaningful, or useful.

Inky – (IOS, Android) Design your own cards on your devices using your own pictures and send them to anyone; and soon you will be able to order prints!

Best Christmas stories – (IOS) Search any classic or modern Christmas story and read away the season!

Montana Snow Report – (IOS, Android) Check snow forecast, recent snowfall, snow base, and open trails on any Montana ski resort.

Elf yourself – (IOS, Android) Take funny pictures of your friends faces and put them on elf bodies. Then watch them dance around in a variety of music videos!

Appy Christmas – (IOS) this app is just weird. Check it out.

We hope these apps can bring some holiday cheer to you this winter! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Game of DMCA Violations

Winter is coming. You might be tempted to pirate the new Games of Thrones episode while at home, but you don’t want to end up on the DMCA violation naughty list. What is a DMCA violation? A DMCA violation is the result of torrenting, which is the process of seeding and leaching copy righted material. In simpler terms, a student receives a block on their internet when they illegally access say, Game of Thrones, sporting events, etc.

To fix this, a student can go to their friendly RTAs at the UC Service Desk. The student would then want to go to the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, where their student record would receive a level-one warning. However, penalties can escalate up to a permanent block on internet access.

For prevention, students should stay away from things like Popcorn Time or bit-torrent. Sites like Netflix, ESPN Go, or NBC Live are good, as long as you’re accessing them through an account that pays for its membership. Therefore, the general rule of thumb is if you find it for free on a third-party site, research and proceed with caution.

Seasonal Support

As the holidays approach, our hours are changing. After finals week, our main office will still be supporting calls 8-5, Monday through Friday. Our service desk, however, will not be open until spring semester starts. If you run into any issues, you can call (406) 243-2625 to schedule an appointment with one of our winter RTAs to take a look at your computer.