

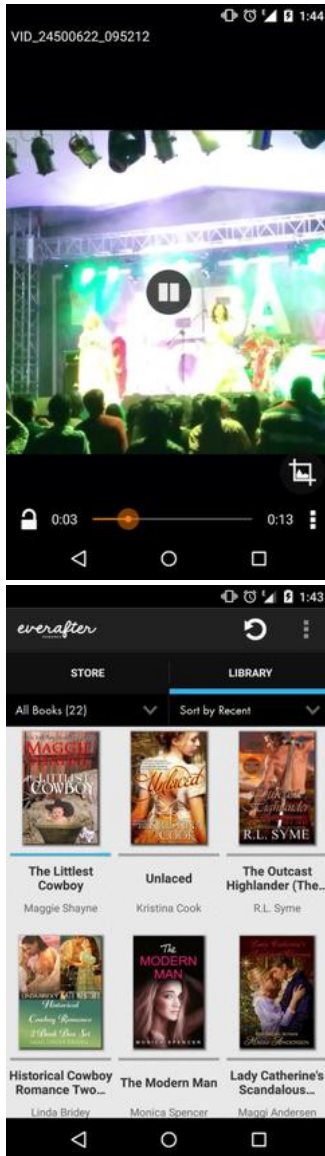
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TECH AWAY

Here's to a 'appy' New Year

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Continuing last week's list, here is part two of the round-up — a few more apps that I thought you'd all enjoy.

VLC for Android beta

Not a lot can compare with curling up under a warm blanket with a hot cup of tea and a good movie. If, however, there is no blanket or tea at hand because you are on the move, download this app and proceed to watch your fill of movies or catch up on your favourite series.

Despite the fact that it's still in beta stage, it plays most video and audio files and supports network streams. The app sources files from various locations on your phone, is ad-free, supports subtitles, and includes touchscreen controls for volume and brightness.

EverAfter Romance

If you're a romance novel junkie, let me introduce you to your new best friend. The EverAfter Romance app is the romance genre-lover's dream come true — it offers you a vast collection of books by various well-known (and not so well-known) authors and publishers. Features include in-app purchases, flash sales, author spotlights, and lots of free ebooks. The interface is clean and the reading experience is comparable with any standard ebook app, offering synced reading across platforms, customisable display, bookmarks, highlights, the works. Just select a book and start reading!

Status

Status is a very handy little app to inform your designated social circle (family/friends) what you're up to. You don't have to manually update the app; it makes use of all the connectivity options on your phone, identifies your location and sends an automated text to anyone calling you when you're unable to answer a call. The list of statuses include 'out and about', 'at home', 'low battery', 'off the grid', 'driving', and more.

Minube

If you're planning to spend the year-end holidays travelling, this app is a must-have. Minube is a social travel platform that helps you organise all the photos you take during a trip by creating a photo album that includes a bunch of details including place, time and date. All of this provides you with a visual itinerary of your travels, which can then be shared with the Minube community. You can also include travel tips, trip planning ideas and other information you think could be useful. The same way, you can plan a new trip yourself, using information the rest of the community provides about restaurants, hostels and must-visit places. So go on, plan that holiday.
