Sora

SELF-PACED CURRICULUM

Get started with Sora, the student reading app, and see how it can benefit you and your students.

This self-paced curriculum is intended for librarians and educators who are new to Sora or would like a refresher.

⟩⟩⟩ Discover Sora

Sora is a student reading app. It connects you and your students with ebooks, audiobooks, read-alongs, and more – on virtually any device, 24 hours a day.

▶ **Intro to Sora** (5 minutes) See what's possible with Sora!

⟩⟩⟩ Access Sora

You can use Sora on virtually any device**.**

- Download the Sora app from the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store, OR**
- Visit Sora in your web browser at **soraapp.com**.

No matter how you access Sora, you'll have the same great experience across devices and your titles will sync between them!

⟩⟩⟩ Sign into your school's digital library

Most students and staff sign into Sora using their existing school credentials.

- Find your school's Sora sign-in page by:
    - **Searching for your school's digital collection,**
    - **Following a direct link,* OR**
    - **Using a setup code***
- You may need to select your school or district name from a list.
- Then, finish signing in with your school credentials.
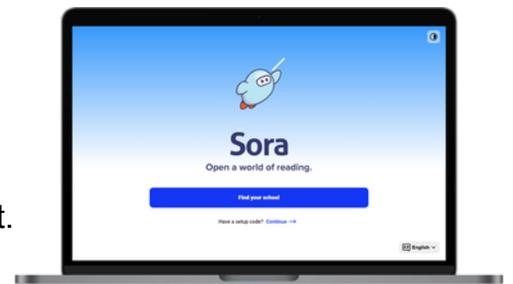
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*Your Sora Team can provide you with a **direct link** to your school's sign-in page and your Sora **setup code**. You'll find your Sora team's contact information on the **Support tab** in OverDrive Marketplace.

If you don't have access to Marketplace, reach out to **schools@overdrive.com** for help.

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>>> Navigate Sora

Sora is organized into four main tabs:

🏠 Home

🔭 Explore

📚 Shelf

🙂 Me
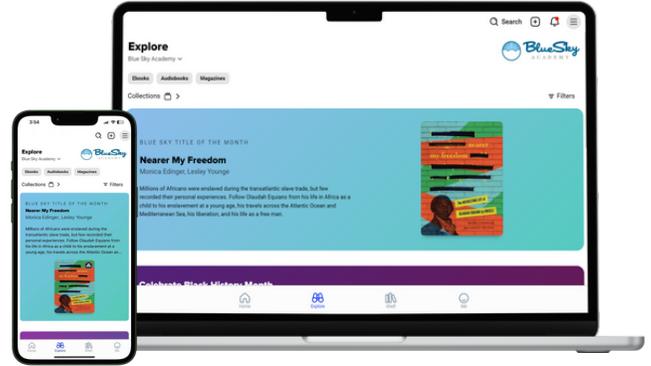
➡️ Continue this self-paced curriculum to learn what's available on each tab.

>>> Browse and borrow digital titles

With Sora, you can find your next great read.

The titles in your school's digital library live on the 🔭 **Explore** tab.

▶️ **Browse collections and search for titles** (1 minute). Scroll through collections of titles or search for a book to read.

When you find a title you'd like to read, tap to **Borrow** the title. It will open right away so you can begin reading.

Some titles may be checked out by another student. If there's isn't another copy available, you'll be prompted to **place a hold.** This adds you to the wait list for the title.

> **Try this!**
> 1. Download the Sora app or visit soraapp.com in your web browser.
> 2. Sign into Sora with your school credentials.
> 3. Search for a title or browse the collections on the Explore tab.
> 4. Borrow a digital title.

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>>> Enjoy ebooks & audiobooks

Discover what's available in:
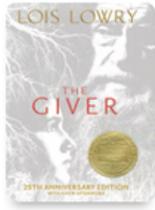
Ebooks	Audiobooks
▶ Begin reading	▶ Begin listening
▶ Define, bookmark, highlight, & annotate	▶ Navigate an audiobook
▶ Customize reading settings	▶ Bookmark, highlight, & annotate
▶ Read to Me	▶ Customize listening settings

>>> Manage loans & holds in Sora

You can find titles you've borrowed and placed on hold on the 📚 **Shelf** tab in Sora.

Titles return automatically on their due dates, so you never have to worry.

▶ **Manage loans** (1 minute) Return early, renew, or mark as done.

💡 **Pro Tip!**

You can check whether your loan has downloaded so you can read or listen **offline**.

▶ **Take action on holds** (2 minutes) When your hold is available to borrow, you'll be notified.

→ ***Optional:*** *Enable* <u>*browser notifications*</u> *or* <u>*device notifications*</u> *for Sora to ensure you never miss out when a hold is ready to borrow!*

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⫸ Take the next step

Go beyond the basics and explore Sora features that can support you and your students, whether you're reading for class or for fun!

▶ **Check reading statistics** on the **Me** tab (1 minute).

▶ **Export notes & highlights** on the **Home** tab (2 minutes).

📖 **Add a library** in the **Main Menu** (eLearning module).

Learn about other **exciting digital formats** in Sora.

▶ **Adjust app-wide settings** (3 minutes).
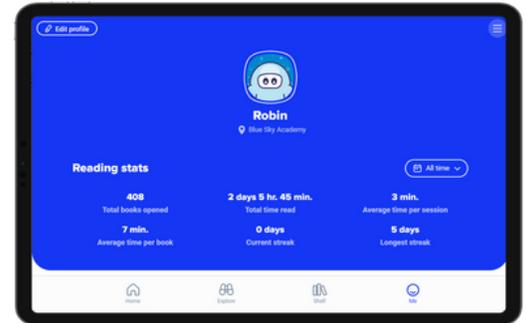
⫸ Promote Sora to students

Try these quick tips to help your students discover digital reading in Sora:

- **Share direct links in Sora** to help your students find the books they want and need.
- Download a free **web graphic** or **printable materials**. Spread the word!
- See what other schools are doing! Check out **past School Stars winners**.
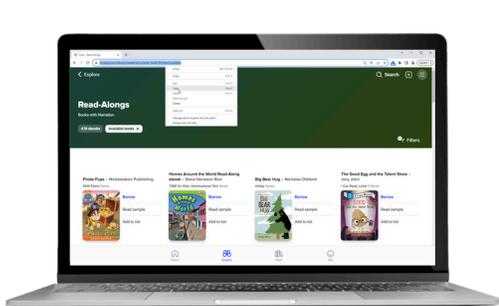
› *The **OverDrive Resource Center** is your Sora success center! Browse and download marketing & outreach materials, training, collection development resources, and more.*

HAVE QUESTIONS? *Contact your Sora team today!*