SORA FOR YOUNG READERS

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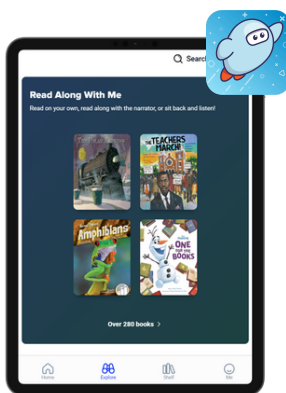
MAKE SIGNING IN SIMPLE

Students will log in to your school's digital library on Sora. In most cases, Sora uses the login information your students are already using for other websites at school.

- Use a **setup code**, **direct link**, **or QR code** to help students find your school's Sora sign in page.
- Add login information to **Sora ID cards** for students who can enter it independently.
- Need to sign students in individually? Help students recognize the Sora icon with a **coloring sheet** or other **promotional materials**.
- Consider **simple login (session-based authentication)** for your youngest readers.

⭐ **Pro-tip:** Unless they're using shared devices, students can stay signed in, making it easy to return back to their books anytime.

HELP WITH APP NAVIGATION

Help your young readers (and prereaders) identify Sora icons and buttons, and what they do.

- **Sora icons & buttons** – flashcards or matching activity
- **Get to know Sora** – PowerPoint slides to use with students

GET PARENTS INVOLVED

With Sora, the reading doesn't have to stop when the school day is over. Increase Sora awareness and let families know that their students can access free, age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks 24/7 – at school or at home on a personal device.

POST ONLINE

SEND HOME

SHARE AN OVERVIEW

TROUBLESHOOT

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CONNECT STUDENTS WITH DIGITAL BOOKS

Sharing direct links helps you instantly connect your youngest students with the titles you recommend. With direct links, students don't need to search or browse for titles in Sora.

- **Recommend a book**: Tap on the jacket cover to **view a book's details** in Sora. Share the URL so all students need to do is click Borrow!

- **Let students choose:**
  - Share a link to a **curated collection**.* Emojis can be added to collection names to help students find books at their level!
  - Browse or search for books and use **sort and filter options** to create a list of titles that fit your students needs. Then, share a direct link to these search results with your readers.

- **Assign a book:** Work with your librarian or media specialist to **assign titles** to specific students. Titles can be assigned for a longer period, up to 90 days, and are pushed out to students' Sora accounts automatically.

- **Read together:** Use your SmartBoard to read and engage with books together in class.

- ⭐ **Pro-tip:** Before sharing a book, make sure there's **enough copies available**. **Filter your search** to "Available titles only," so young readers don't have to worry about placing a hold.

BONUS TIP: "JUST RIGHT" BOOKS IN SORA

- **Read-alongs**: The text on screen is read aloud; a great independent activity for emerging readers.

- **Audiobooks**: Books are professionally narrated; a great replacement or accompaniment to story time and read alouds.

- **Comics & graphic books**: Engaging imagery supports comprehension with this format.

- **Supersonic Phonics & Decodables:** Leveled tittles perfect for emerging readers. If your school has this package, you can link out to the appropriately leveled collection in Sora.

- **Reading levels**: When provide by the publisher, ATOS and Lexile levels are listed in Sora and can be searched.

- **Read to Me**: Students can have up to a paragraph of text in ebooks read aloud to them.

*Creating curated collections & assigning titles requires access to OverDrive Marketplace.