



# Sora Connections

Making the Most of  
Your School Breaks

# Learn simple, straightforward tips to keep students reading in Sora year-round! Promote your digital library and encourage students to take advantage of all that Sora has to offer.

**GOAL**

- ☐ Explore how Overdrive's annual reading program, built in reading tools, and free promotional materials can support students.
- ☐ Increase student equity, access, and engagement with Sora – even when school isn't in session!
- ☐ Ensure your school is set up for success with Sora before students leave the building.



# Making the Most of Your School Breaks

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Education

The digital library  
is **always open**.



OPEN  
24  
HOURS

**Read on Sora**  
The student reading app.



Students



Teachers



Parents



Recap & Resources



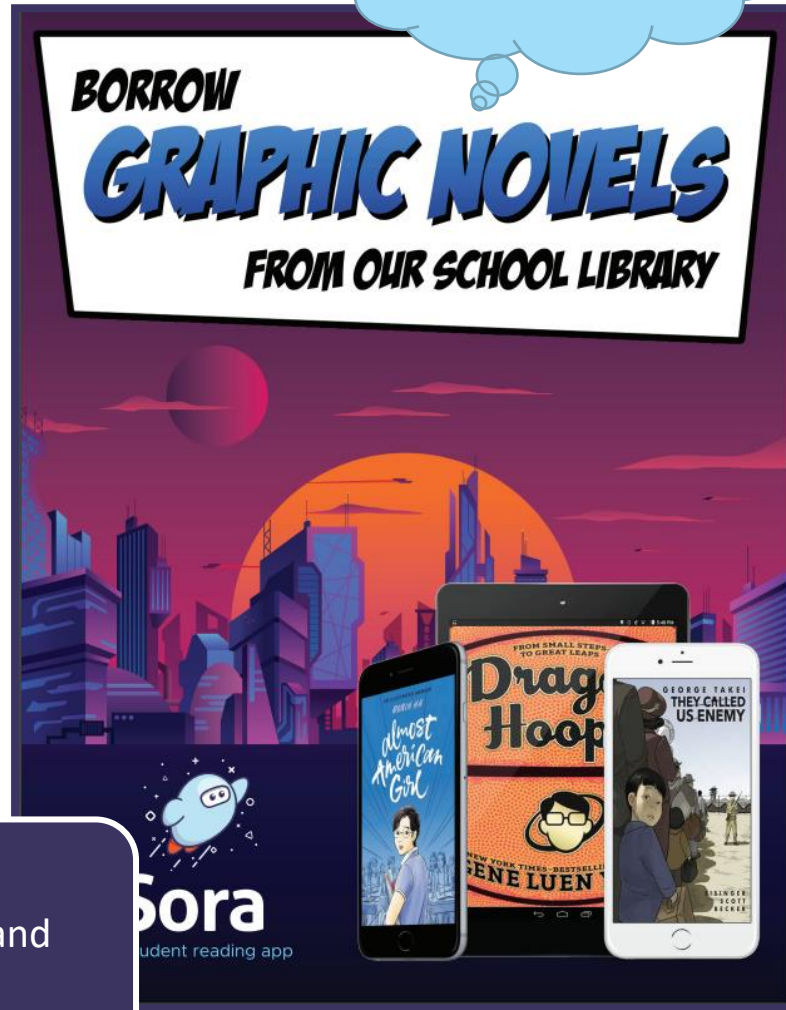
# Students

# Capture their interest!

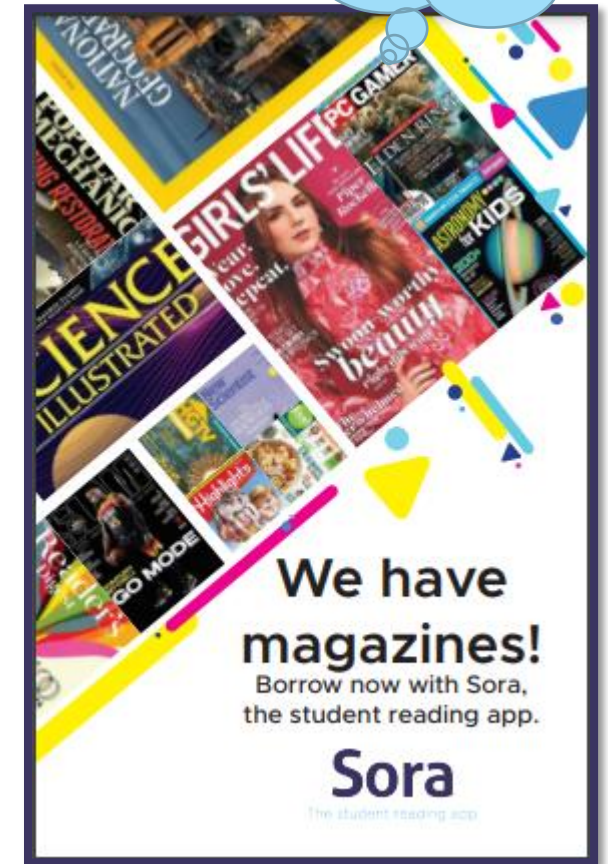
Hand me out  
before break!



Hang me in  
the cafeteria!



Hang me on  
bathroom stalls!



## RESOURCES:

[How To Bookmark](#), [Graphic Novels Flyer](#), and  
[Magazine Poster](#) from [Print Ready Tab](#)





# Interact on social

Students are on Instagram, TikTok, & YouTube!

Engage new readers!

Interact – ask about summer reading!

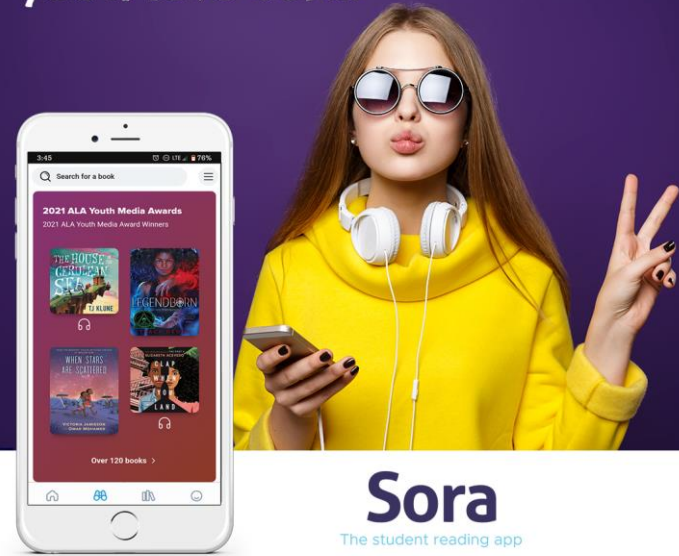
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Familiar with 'subscribe below'? Then start here:



**Sora**  
The student reading app

#booktok on your FYP? Then you'll love Sora!



**Sora**  
The student reading app

Sweet summertime and the reading's easy.



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**Read on Sora**  
The student reading app.

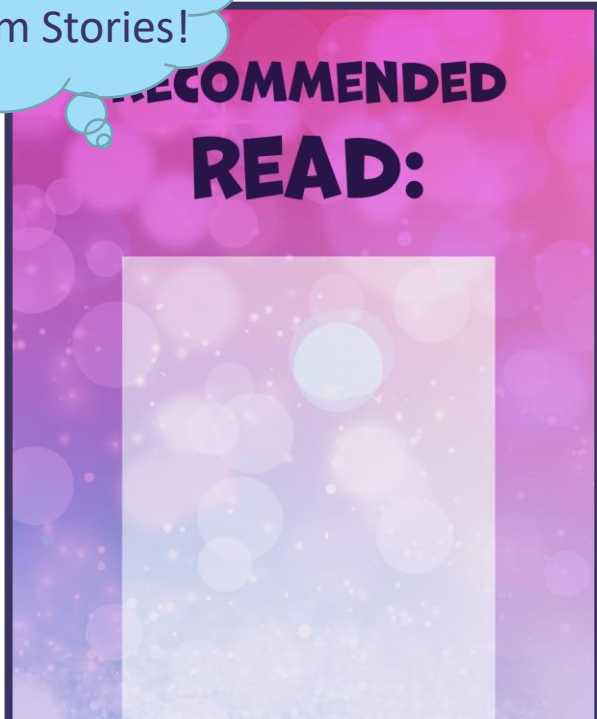
## RESOURCES:

"Familiar with 'subscribe below'", "#booktok on your FYP", and "Sweet summertime" graphics from the Social tab

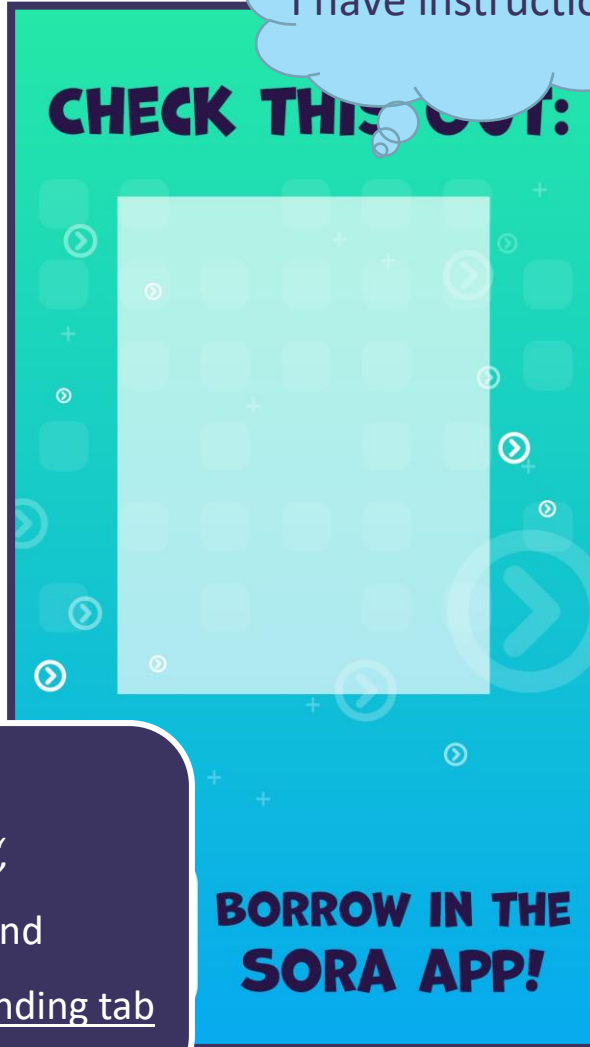


# Interact on social

Use these templates on Instagram Stories!



I have instructions!



Share me where the students are!



## RESOURCES:

"Recommended Read", "Check This Out",

"New in Our Digital Collection" graphics, and

Instagram Stories Templates Directions from Trending tab





# Content for everyone

Free audiobooks?  
Yes, please!

Three collections!

Introduce Sora to  
teens!

## RESOURCES:

[Sora Sweet Reads graphic](#) from [Sora Sweet Reads page](#),  
[AudioFile SYNC vertical banner](#), and  
[Intro to Teens Video for Instagram Stories](#) on [Social tab](#)

**FREE**  
Listens  
All  
Summer  
Long!

AudioFile  
**Sync**

AUDIOBOOKS  
FOR TEENS

[audiobooksync.com](http://audiobooksync.com)



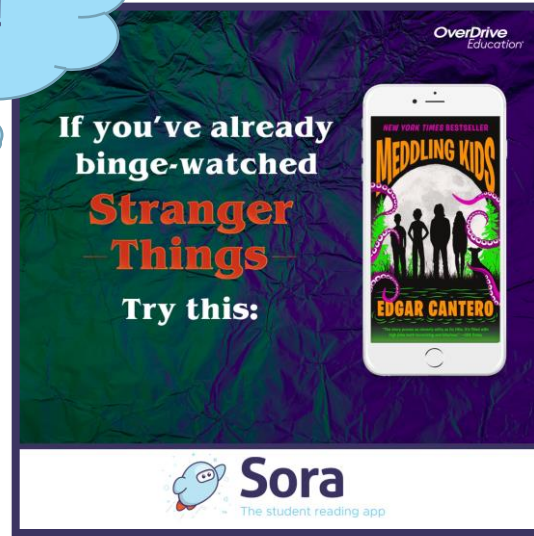


# Reluctant readers

Content students care about!

Use me with a hashtag!

Personalized options available!



## RESOURCES:

"Caturday", "Stranger Things", "Mascara", and  
"Hands-On Projects" graphics from Social tab  
"For Every Reader" graphics from Trending tab

# Reluctant readers

We love a challenge!



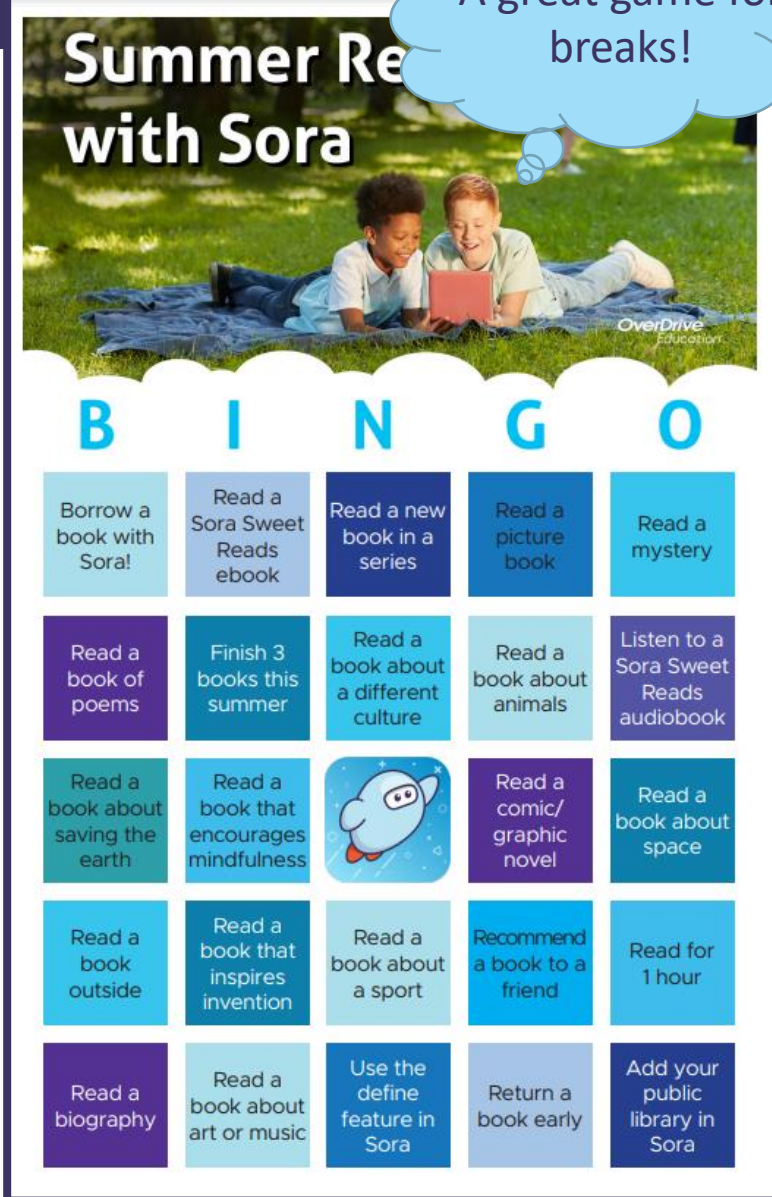
## RESOURCES:

[Sora Sweet Reads Reading Challenge](#),

[Bingo card](#) on [Outreach tab](#), and

Achievement earned on [soraapp.com](#)

A great game for breaks!



# Six Sora features to know

Read and  
listen offline!

More than ebooks  
and audiobooks!

## RESOURCES:

[How-To Videos on K-12 Schools Staff Training:](#)

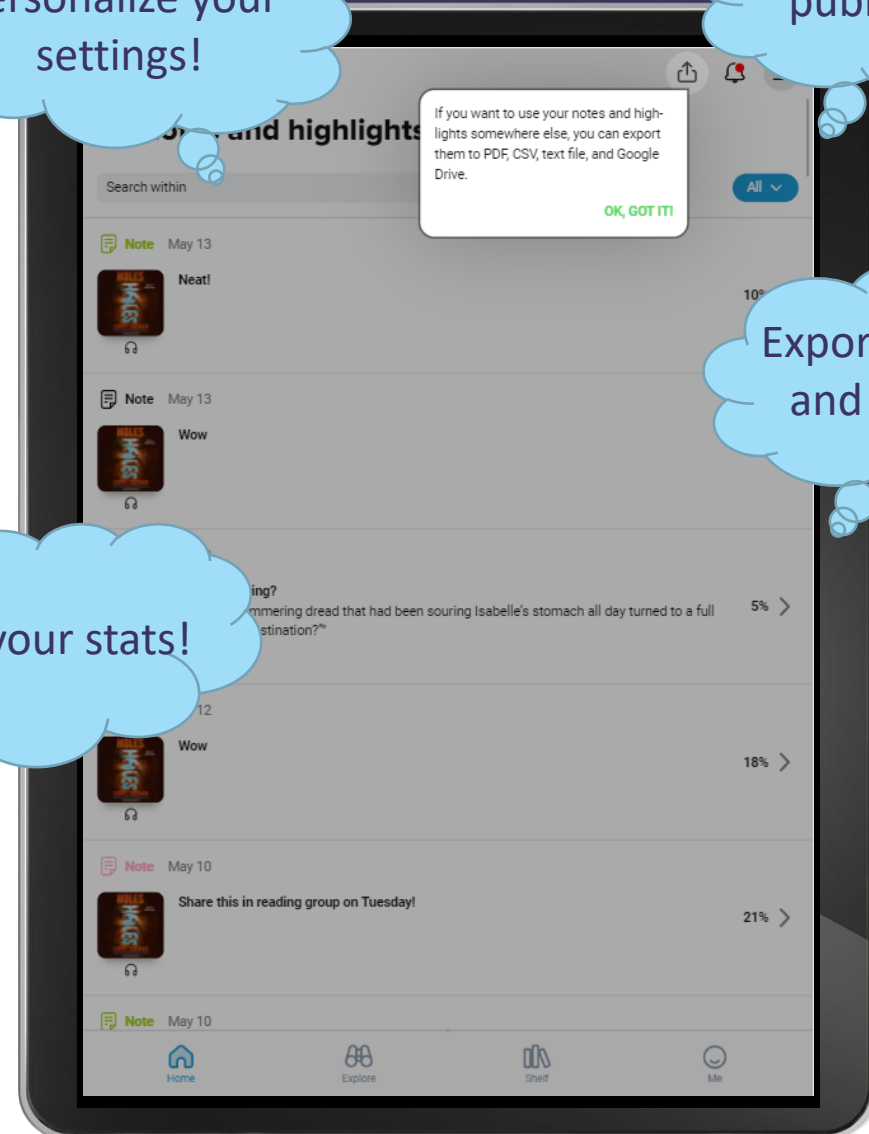
- [Take titles offline](#)
- [Customize reading settings](#)
- [Add a library](#)
- [Add a library with Public Library CONNECT](#)
- [Export notes and highlights](#)

Personalize your  
settings!

Add your  
public library!

Export your notes  
and highlights!

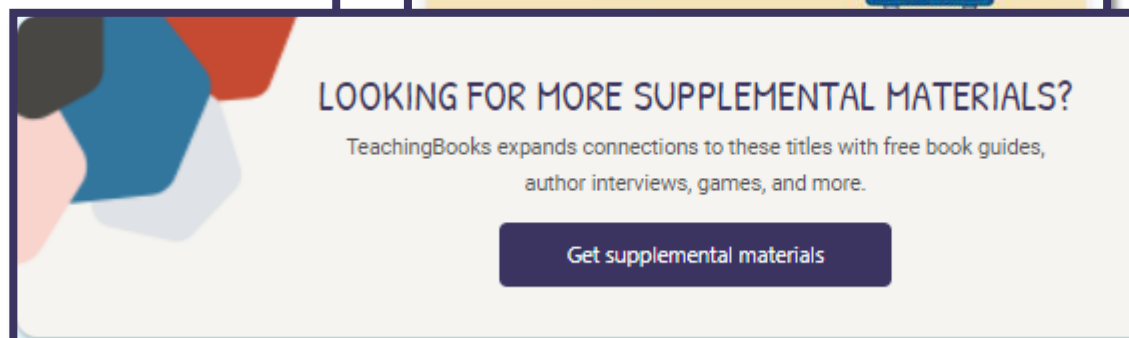
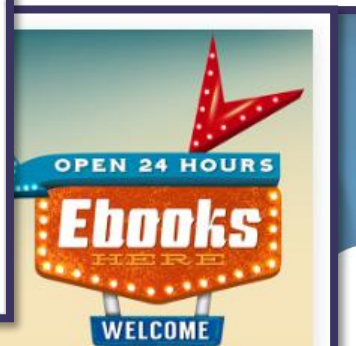
Check your stats!



# Teachers



# Engage your teachers



May 13, 2022

By: Emily Tara, Product Support Specialist  
The school year is winding down, testing is almost over, and graduation caps are...

📌 FEATURED, FEATURED POST - SCHOOL BLOG, FRONT PAGE  
- SCHOOL NEWS, SCHOOLS



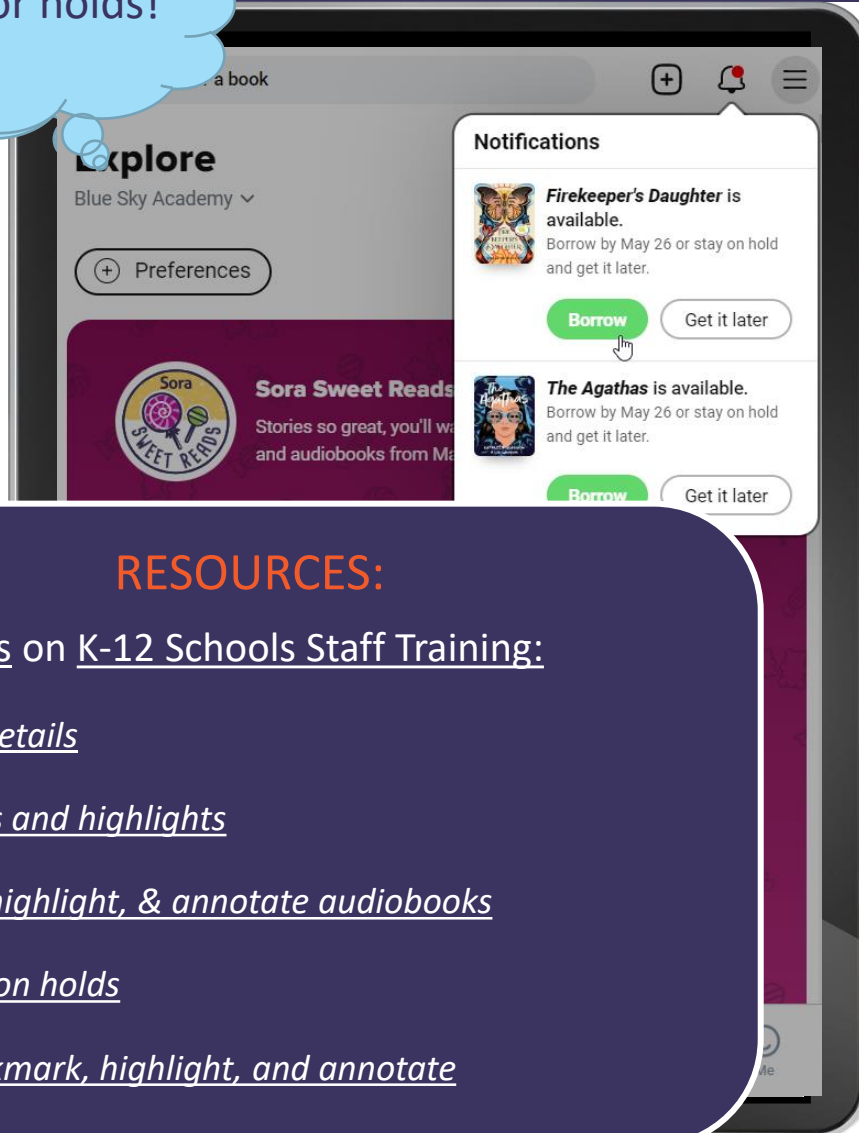
## RESOURCES:

[Sora Sweet Reads page](#), [AudioFile Sync page](#),  
[Sora Teacher Flyer](#) on the [Outreach tab](#),  
[“School’s out, Sora’s in” blog post](#), and  
[Teaching Books resources for Sora Sweet Reads](#)

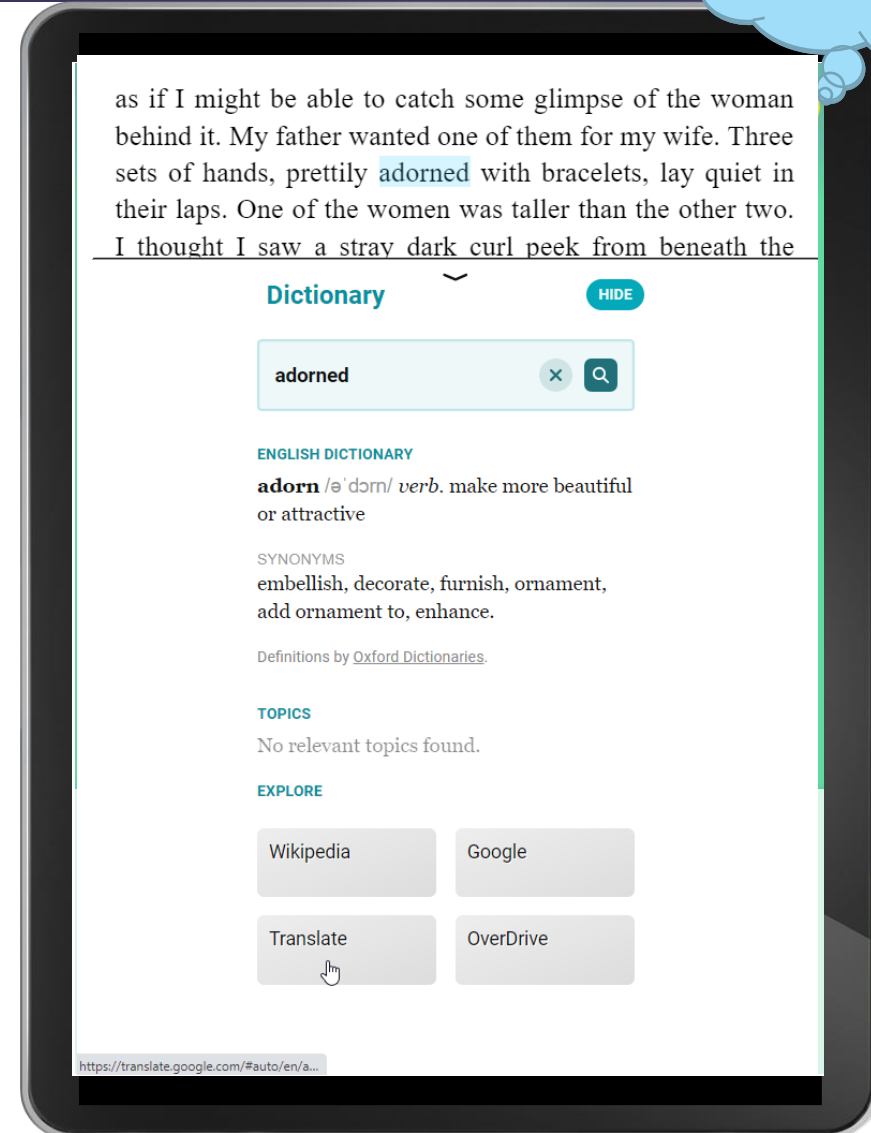


# Sora tips for teachers

Check for holds!



Use Google Translate!



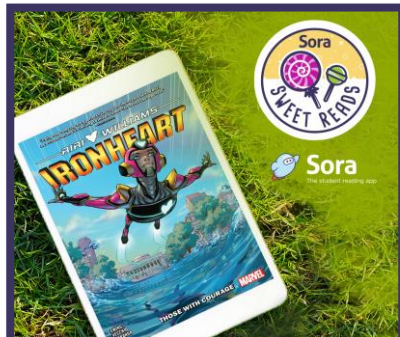
## RESOURCES:

### How-To Videos on K-12 Schools Staff Training:

- [View book details](#)
- [Export notes and highlights](#)
- [Bookmark, highlight, & annotate audiobooks](#)
- [Take action on holds](#)
- [Define, bookmark, highlight, and annotate](#)

# Interact on social

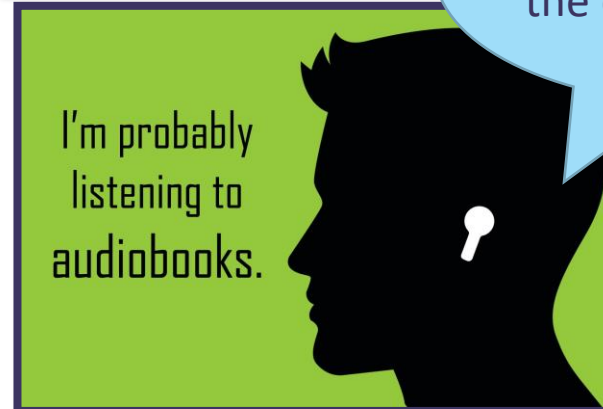
Teachers are on Facebook and Twitter!



Get teachers in the conversation!



**RESOURCES:**  
Sora Sweet Reads Kit and "I'm probably listening to audiobooks" on the Social tab





# Reach your teachers

Share me!

Me too!

## Sora for Classrooms & Curriculum

GET STARTED

DETAILS ▾



Discover how Sora can support students as they read to learn.

This module is designed for educators. Follow the suggested learning path, or pick  
choose which sections to review.

Download the [Sora for Classrooms & Curriculum connections chart](#), an  
advance view of how Sora's features connect to classrooms & curriculum.

### RESOURCES:

[Classroom Features page](#), [Sora for Classrooms & Curriculum module](#) and [Connections chart](#)





## RESOURCES:

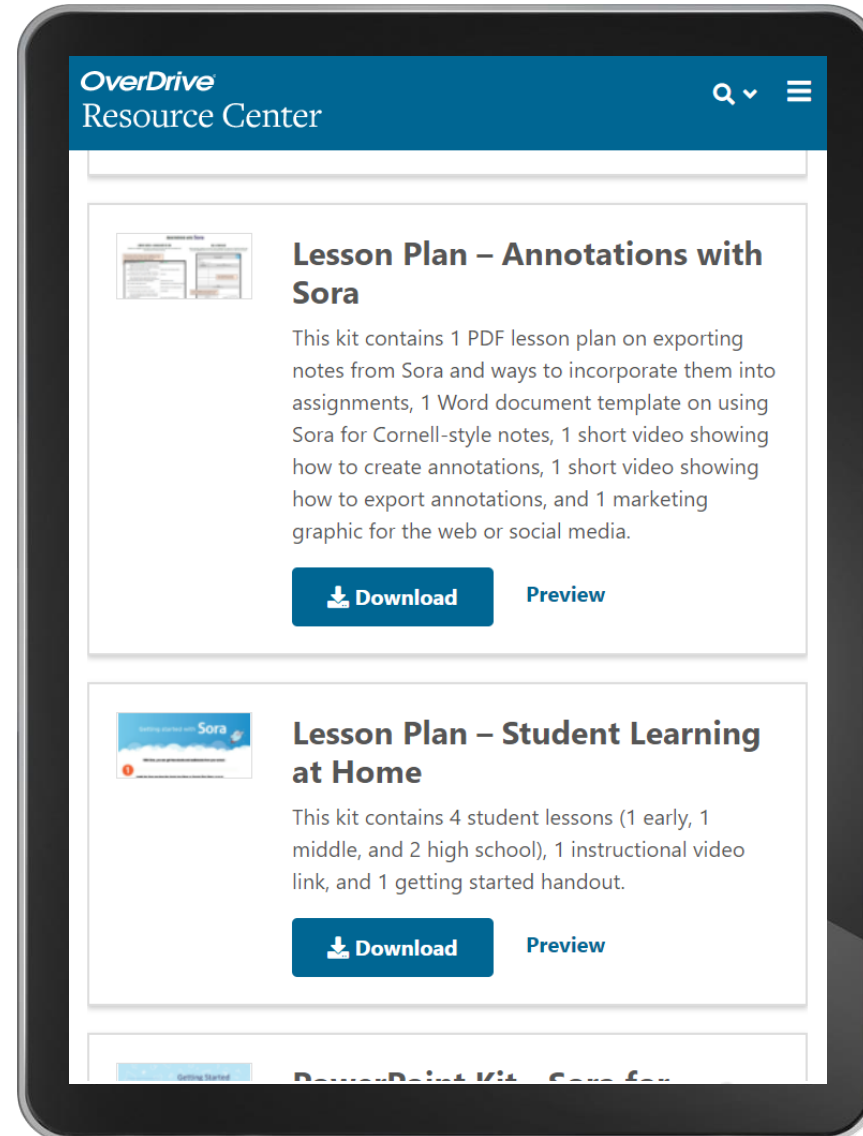
# Set teachers up to succeed

Get started with Sora -  
for educators!

Get started with Sora -  
for students!

Shareable how-to videos

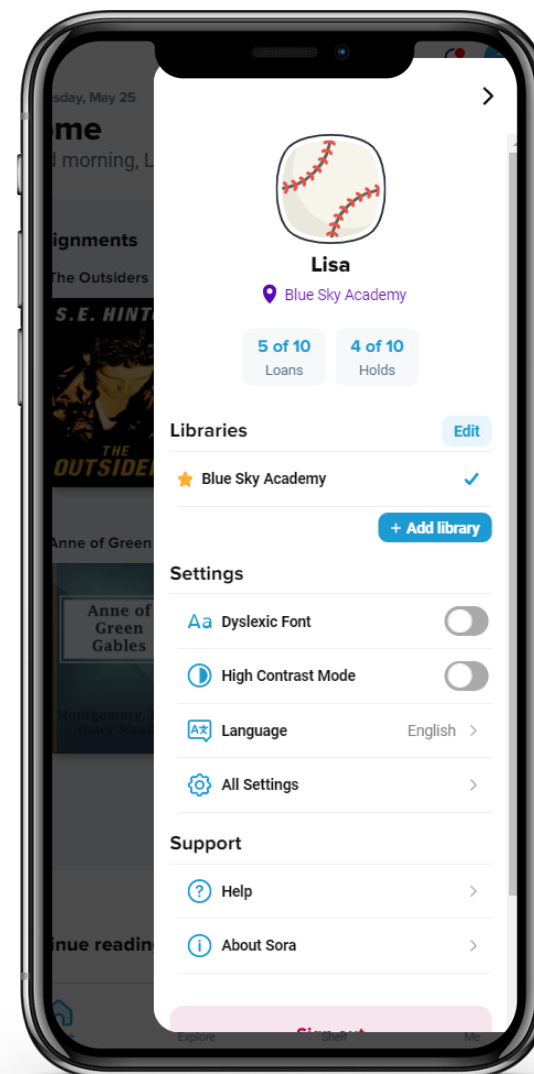
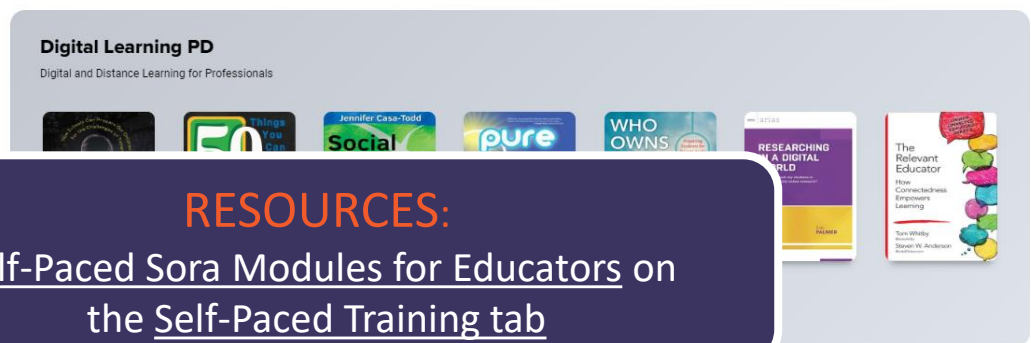
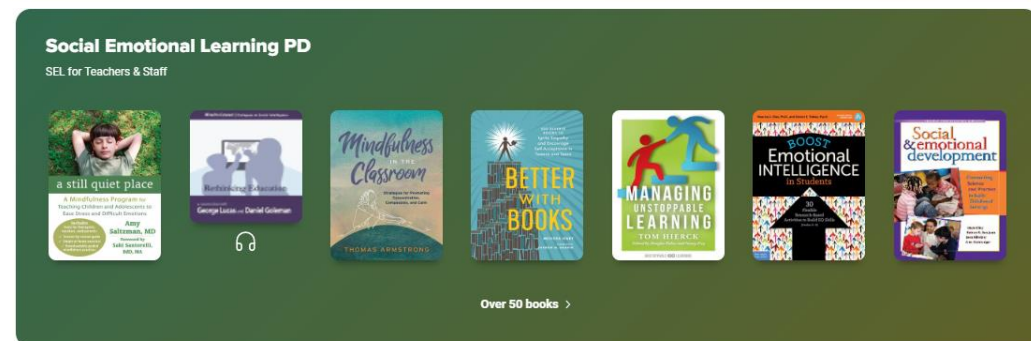
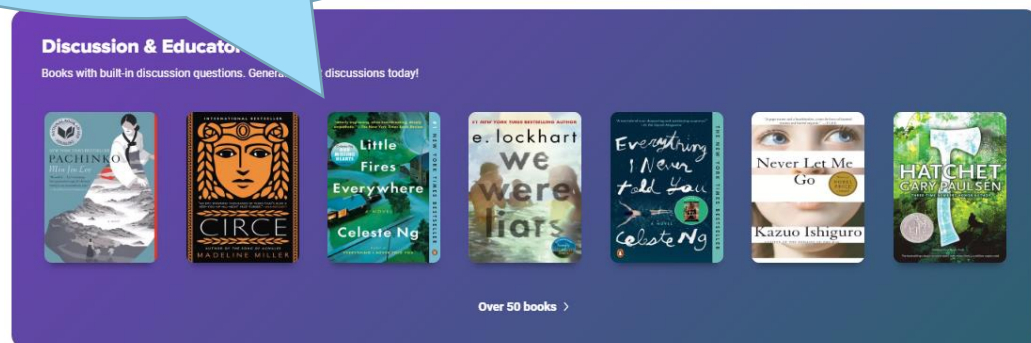
Ready-to-use  
lesson plans



Check Sora! Do you have any PD collections?

# Use your “break”

Learn on your own time, at your own pace!



## RESOURCES:

Self-Paced Sora Modules for Educators on the Self-Paced Training tab

# Parents

# Partner with parents

You can put this in the drop off/pick up line!

## Ask your student about Sora.



Sora  
app

### RESOURCES:

[Drop Off Line Yard Sign](#) and [Sora & 'Screen Time' Postcard](#) from the [Outreach](#) tab

Send your families "real" mail!



Promote positive screen time with Sora, the student reading app.

Research has found that "active" screen time—time spent using the creative side of our brains as opposed to passive, unengaged scrolling or viewing—is beneficial to overall health.

Encourage your student to participate in active screen time by reading in Sora!

**No worries, just reading!**



**Sora**  
The student reading app.

**Sora perks:**

- One-tap reading
- Fun reading achievements
- Quick access to assignments
- Tools to track reading progress





# Partner with parents

Share what makes  
Sora great!



Share this letter  
with families!

Dear **Parent/Guardian**,

**Name of school/institution** is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app.

#### Why Sora?

The collection of titles in Sora is an extension of **Name of school/institution's** physical library, only it's in an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends or during school breaks with no worry about misplacing a book or running up late fees – these digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period!

Sora can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical listening
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Incentivize reading with fun avatars and achievements
- Allow easy access to **public library's** collection, too! (in the Sora menu select: +Add a public library)

#### How does it work?

Download the free Sora app from the Apple App store, Google Play Store or visit [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com), borrow with **[authentication requirements]**, and enjoy anytime, anywhere on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Whether a student's interest lies in classics for required reading, or the latest popular juvenile or young adult fiction, they can find it all in Sora!

#### Where can I find more information?

**[Contact information if applicable]**

Sincerely,

**School Librarian/Principal/Staff Coordinator**  
Signature block

Send this home &  
hang it on the fridge!

A screenshot of the Sora app interface on a smartphone. The screen shows a 'Achievements' section with a list of tasks and progress bars. The Sora logo is visible in the top right corner of the app interface.

## Sora

Sora provides the quickest and easiest way to get started with digital titles from our school. Students can simply log in using school credentials and instantly access hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks on virtually any device.

Get started today: Download the free Sora app for Android or iOS, or visit <https://soraapp.com>.

### What's great in Sora:

- Easy onboarding
- One-tap borrowing and reading
- Fun reading achievements and avatars
- Quick access to assignments
- Unified experience across devices

For easy access, our school's setup code is:

Enter Setup Code Here

## RESOURCES:

Sora Informational Handout and  
Letter to Parents from the Outreach tab



# Interact on social

Parents are on Facebook and Twitter!



No worries,  
just reading.

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Education

Parents, ask your student about Sora.

**Sora**

## RESOURCES:

*"No worries, just reading"* and *"Open 24 hours"*  
social graphics from the Outreach tab

Great option to occupy students during breaks!



The digital library is  
**always open**  
even when school  
is closed!

OPEN 24 HOURS

**Ebooks**  
HERE

WELCOME

 **Sora**  
The student reading app  
[soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com)



# Interact on social

Share how Sora can support their student!

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## For Every Reader

You can adjust the narration speed and take notes in audiobooks.

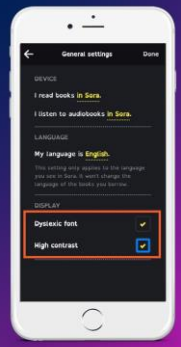


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## For Every Reader

Sora's high contrast setting can improve readability and app navigation.



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## For Every Reader

Sora's interface is available in 10 languages!

HOLA SALAM HELLO GUTEN TAG  
Hi NI HAO SALUT BONJOUR




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The student reading app

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## For Every Reader

Listening counts as reading!  
Try an audiobook.




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## For Every Reader

Sora supports screen readers.



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## For Every Reader

Read and listen with Read-Along ebooks.



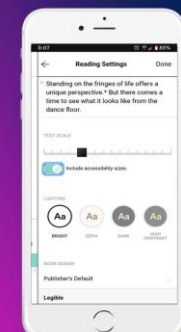
Highlighted text appears while the narrator reads!

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The student reading app

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## For Every Reader

Read ebooks **your** way!  
Customize an ebook's font, text size, lighting & more!




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The student reading app

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## For Every Reader

In Sora, you can search by interest level, ATOS™ level, Lexile® score, and text difficulty.



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The student reading app

**RESOURCE:**  
For Every Reader Kit from the  
Marketing & Outreach Trending tab



# Free reading programs: May - August

Ask your students about these!



**AudioFile Sync** AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS

**SUMMER 2022 TITLES: APRIL 28 - AUGUST 17!**

<b>APRIL 28 - MAY 4</b> <b>BLACK PANTHER</b> By Jesse J. Holland [Ed.] (Dreamscape) <b>FOUR SHORT STORIES</b> By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Naxos AudioBooks)	<b>MAY 5 - MAY 11</b> <b>THE PERFECT NINE</b> By Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (Brilliance Audio) <b>THIS BOOK BETRAYS MY BROTHER</b> By Kasigo Lesego Malope (ECW Press)	<b>MAY 12 - MAY 18</b> <b>WHEN MORNING COMES</b> By Arushi Raina (ECW Press) <b>NEVER LOOK BACK</b> By Lilliam Rivera (Recorded Books)
<b>MAY 19 - MAY 25</b> <b>NO-NO BOY</b> By Ken Narasaki (L.A. Theatre Works) <b>A BRIEF HISTORY OF FASCIST LIES</b> By Federico Rinkelstein (Post Hypnotic Press)	<b>MAY 26 - JUNE 1</b> <b>THE REAL HERGE</b> By Stan Lye (Oasis Audio) <b>SOMEONE LIKE ME</b> By Julissa Arce (Hachette Audio)	<b>JUNE 2 - JUNE 8</b> <b>SINGLED OUT</b> By Andrew Maraniss (Listening Library) <b>A TIME OF FEAR</b> By Albert Marrin (Listening Library)
<b>JUNE 9 - JUNE 15</b> <b>TANGENT KNIGHTS I</b> By Christopher L. Bennett (GraphicAudio) <b>PARADISE</b> By Laura Marie Censabella (L.A. Theatre Works)	<b>JUNE 16 - JUNE 22</b> <b>BACCHANAL</b> By Veronica G. Henry (Brilliance Audio) <b>CEMETERY GIRL</b> By Charlaïne Harris (GraphicAudio)	<b>JUNE 23 - JUNE 29</b> <b>HONESTLY BEN</b> By Bill Konigsberg (Scholastic Audiobooks) <b>FENCE: STRIKING DISTANCE</b> By Sarah Rees Brennan, et al. (Hachette Audio)
<b>JUNE 30 - JULY 6</b> <b>THIS IS MY AMERICA</b> By Kim Johnson (Listening Library) <b>MISSISSIPPI TRIAL, 1955</b> By Chris Crowe (Listening Library)	<b>JULY 7 - JULY 13</b> <b>TRULY DEVOUS</b> By Maureen Johnson (Harper Audio) <b>WE WERE KINGS</b> By Court Stevens (Thomas Nelson)	<b>JULY 14 - JULY 20</b> <b>THE SNOW FELL THREE GRAVES DEEP</b> By Allan Wolf (Brilliance Audio/ Candlewick) <b>PARADISE LOST</b> By John Milton (Tantor Media)
<b>JULY 21 - JULY 27</b> <b>YESTERDAY IS HISTORY</b>	<b>JULY 28 - AUGUST 3</b> <b>30 DAYS</b>	<b>AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 10</b> <b>CITY BOY</b>

**RESOURCES:**  
[Drop Off Line Yard Sign](#) and [Sora & 'Screen Time' Postcard](#) from the [Outreach](#) tab



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**Sora SWEET READS**

**ALWAYS AVAILABLE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS**

**MAY 4 - AUGUST 17**

**Sora**  
The student reading app





# Set parents up to succeed

Encourage your families to view the video together!

Families can learn together!

OverDrive Resource Center

Library > K-12 Schools > Academic Libraries Professional Libraries

## K-12 Schools Staff Training

Fit learning into your busy schedule with access to on-demand training modules, downloadable PDFs, upcoming webinars, and tools to educate your staff and end users any time of day or night.

Upcoming Webinars On-Demand Webinars How-To Videos Self-Paced Training Training Kits

Self-Paced Training > Sora

### Module categories

7 All Modules

5 Educators

2 Students

#### Students 2 modules

##### Getting Started with Sora - Students

Educators: share this link with your students so they can learn Sora step-by-step.

Launch Module

##### Add a Public Library in Sora

Learn how to add a public library in Sora to access additional age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks.

Launch Module

View all upcoming webinars > Get Resources

Access Sora, the student reading app

Share this video

Duration: 45 minutes

Note: Times shown in Eastern Standard. We understand the timing may not suit everyone but signing up ensures that a recording is available.

Sora Essentials

Resources page to take an assessment.

## RESOURCES:


Sora How-To videos, On-Demand webinars, and Self-Paced Training on K-12 Schools Staff Training

# Built-in multilingual Sora features

## How to change your language in Sora

Sora will automatically use your device or browser language. If you're using Sora in a browser, you can use the steps below to change the language.

**Note:** These steps will only change the language of the Sora website. They won't change the language of the books you borrow.

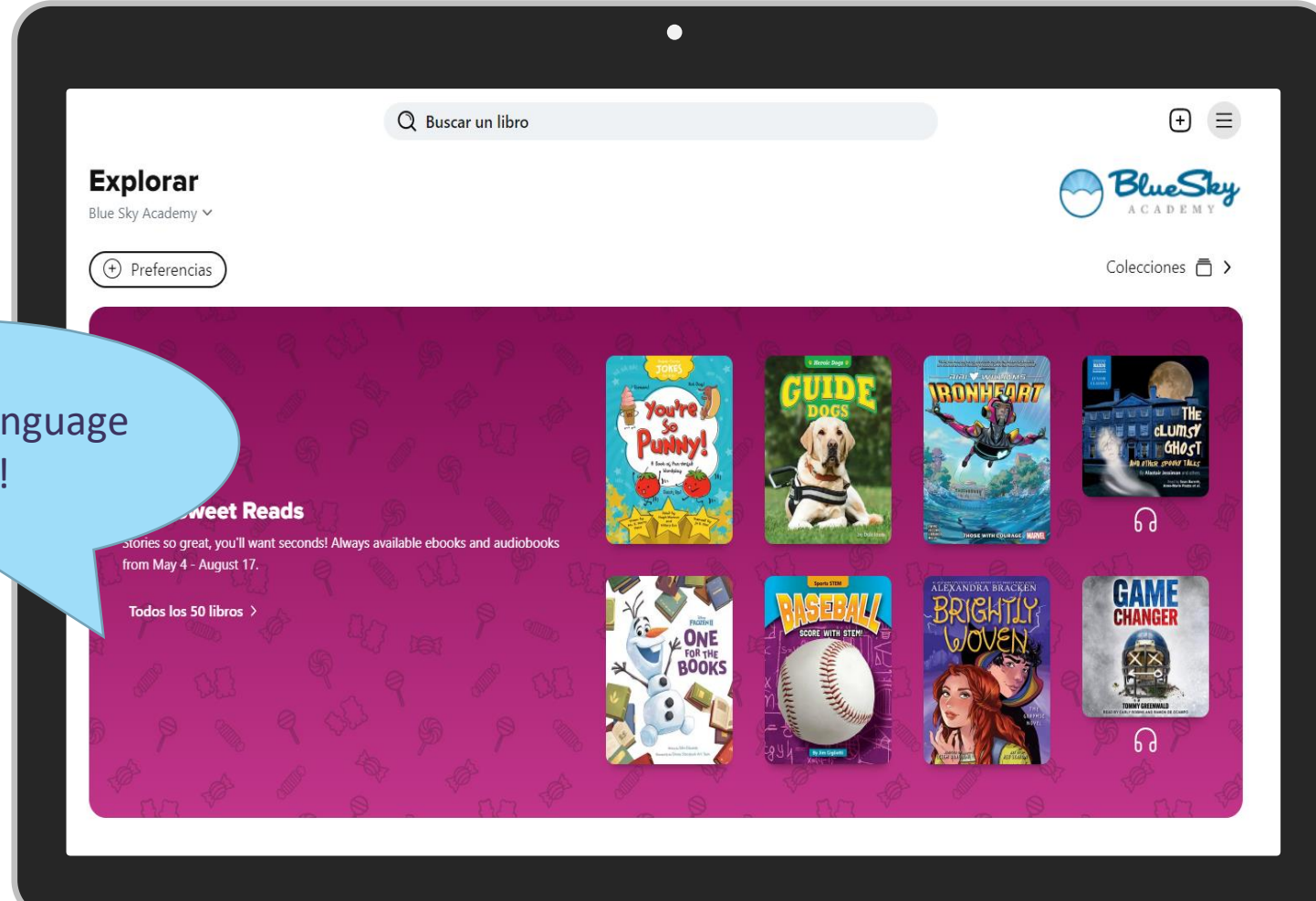
1. Click or tap .
2. Select **Language** (under "Settings").
3. Select a language. You can choose:

- English
- Chinese (Simplified)
- Chinese (Traditional)
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese

## RESOURCES:

[How to change your language in Sora](#)

Change the language  
in Sora!

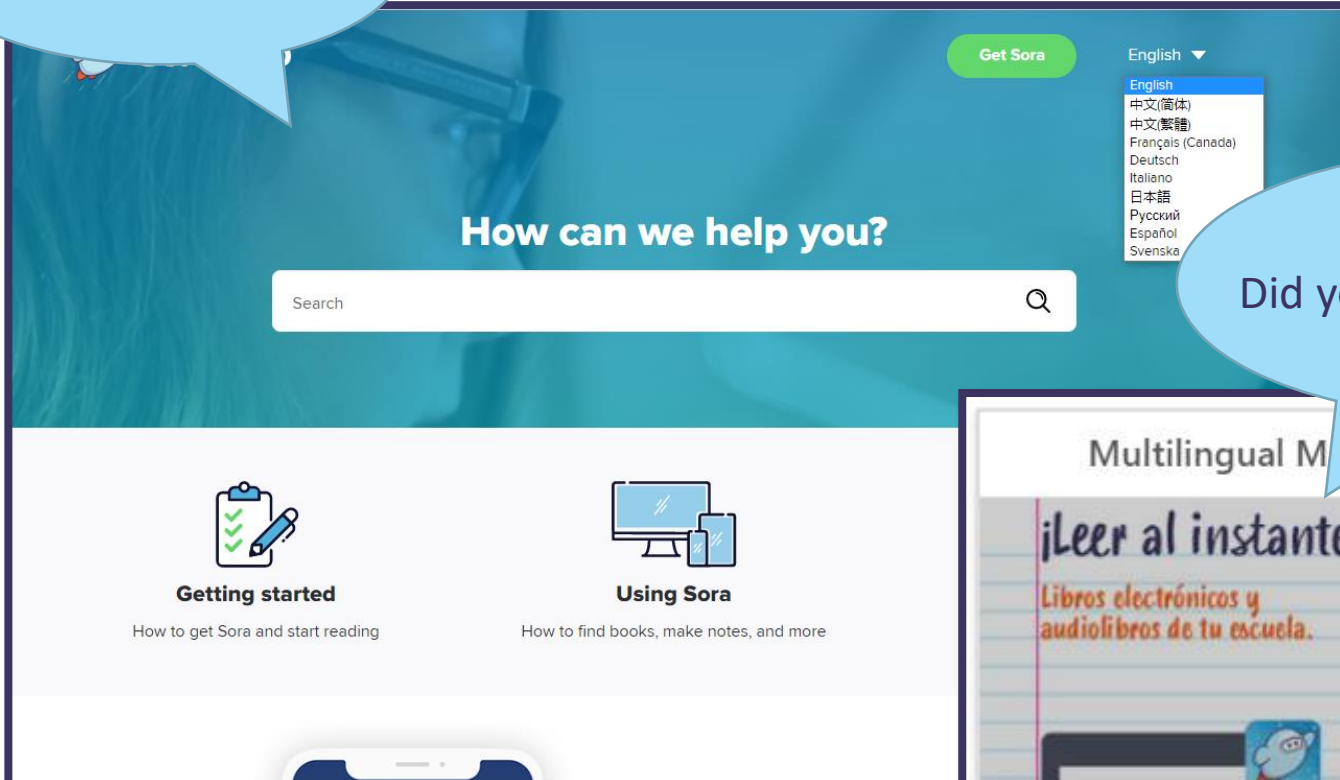


# Multilingual Sora help resources

Visit Sora help.

Facilitate communication with families!

Did you know about this?



## RESOURCES:

Sora Help, Getting Started Guides, and Multilingual Marketing Kits can be found on the Trending tab



# Recap

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- ✓ ENGAGE your school population
- ✓ INTERACT on social media
- ✓ UTILIZE the Resource Center
- ✓ ENHANCE your school breaks



# Free OverDrive Resources

**PROMOTION**

**TRAINING**

**HELP & GETTING  
STARTED**







# THANK YOU!

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