



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

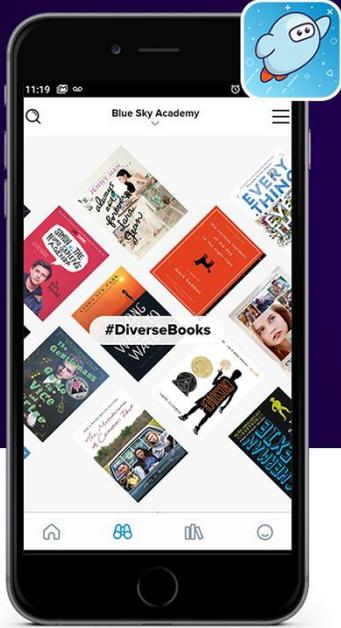
- Explore how Overdrive's annual reading program, built in reading tools, and free promotional materials can support students.
- Increase student equity, access, and engagement with Sora – even when school isn't in session!
- Ensure your school is set up for success with Sora before students leave the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



Making the Most of Your School Breaks

OverDrive
Education

The digital library
is **always open**.



OPEN
24
HOURS

Read on Sora
The student reading app.

🔍 Students

🔍 Teachers

🔍 Parents

🔍 Recap & Resources



Students

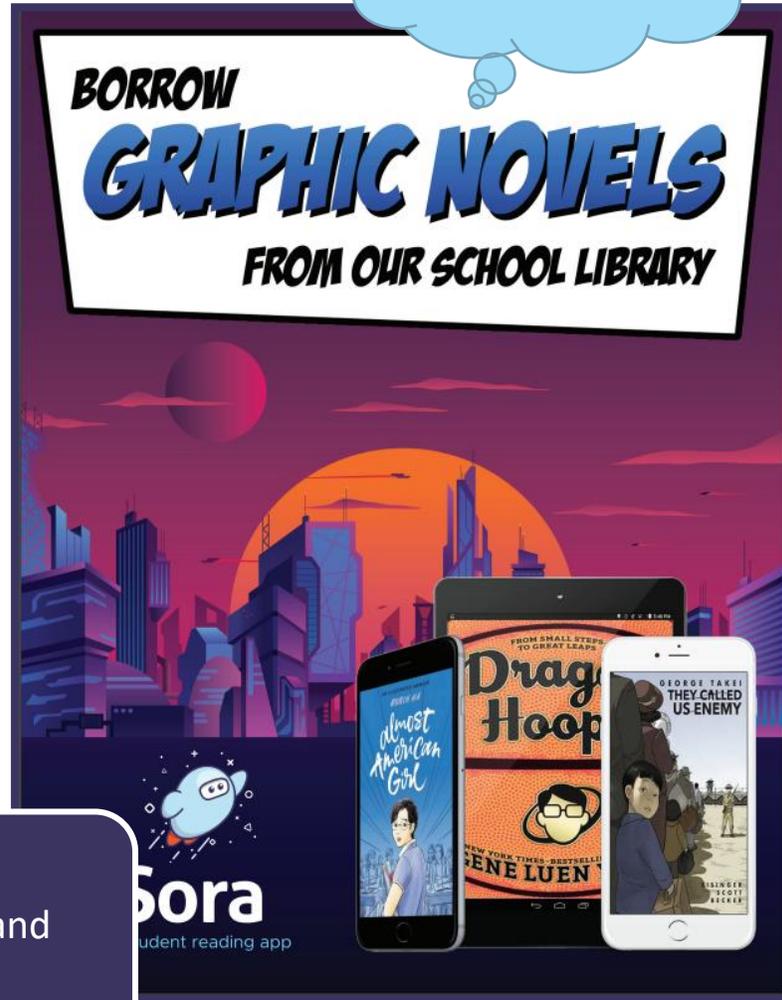


Capture their interest!

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!



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Sweet summertime and the reading's easy.



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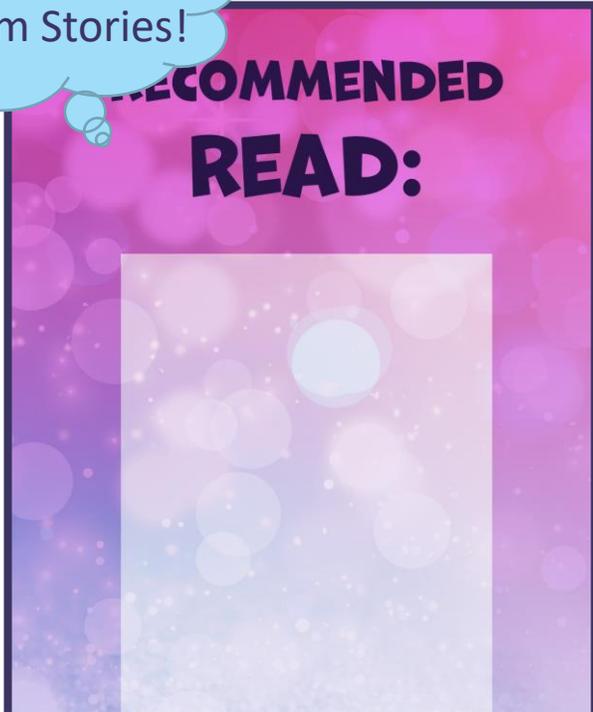
RESOURCES:

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

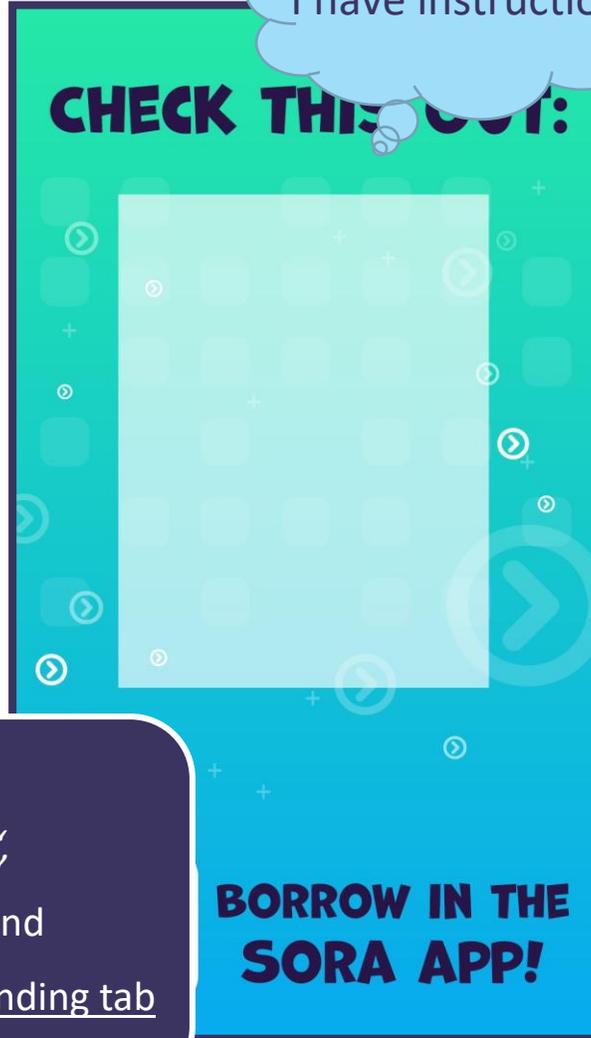


Interact on social

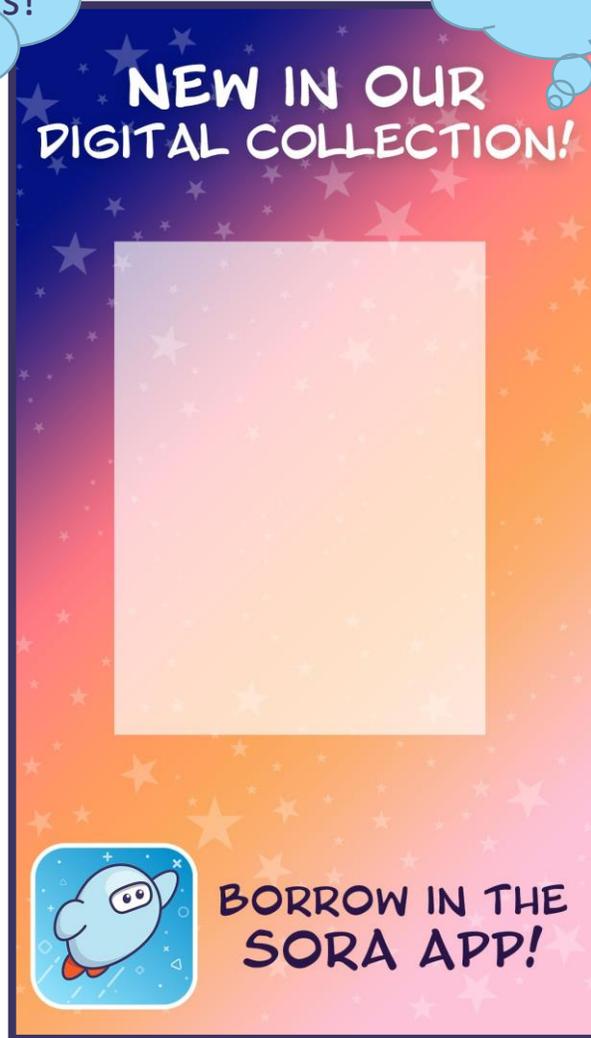
Use these templates on Instagram Stories!



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!



FREE
Listens
All
Summer
Long!

AudioFile
Sync

AUDIOBOOKS
FOR TEENS

audiobooksync.com

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](#)



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!

Reading Challenge

SWEET READS

Read for 1 hour

Finish 3 books this summer

Read a book in a series

Read Fantasy or Suspense

Read a comic/graphic novel

Sweet Reads 2022

Cool! Enjoy the Sweet Reads book!

OK!

See all achievements ->

RESOURCES:

[Sora Sweet Reads Reading Challenge](#),

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

Achievement earned on [soraapp.com](#)

A great game for breaks!



B I N G O

Borrow a book with Sora!	Read a Sora Sweet Reads ebook	Read a new book in a series	Read a picture book	Read a mystery
Read a book of poems	Finish 3 books this summer	Read a book about a different culture	Read a book about animals	Listen to a Sora Sweet Reads audiobook
Read a book about saving the earth	Read a book that encourages mindfulness		Read a comic/graphic novel	Read a book about space
Read a book outside	Read a book that inspires invention	Read a book about a sport	Recommend a book to a friend	Read for 1 hour
Read a biography	Read a book about art or music	Use the define feature in Sora	Return a book early	Add your public library in Sora

Six Sora features to know

Read and listen offline!

More than ebooks and audiobooks!

RESOURCES:

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

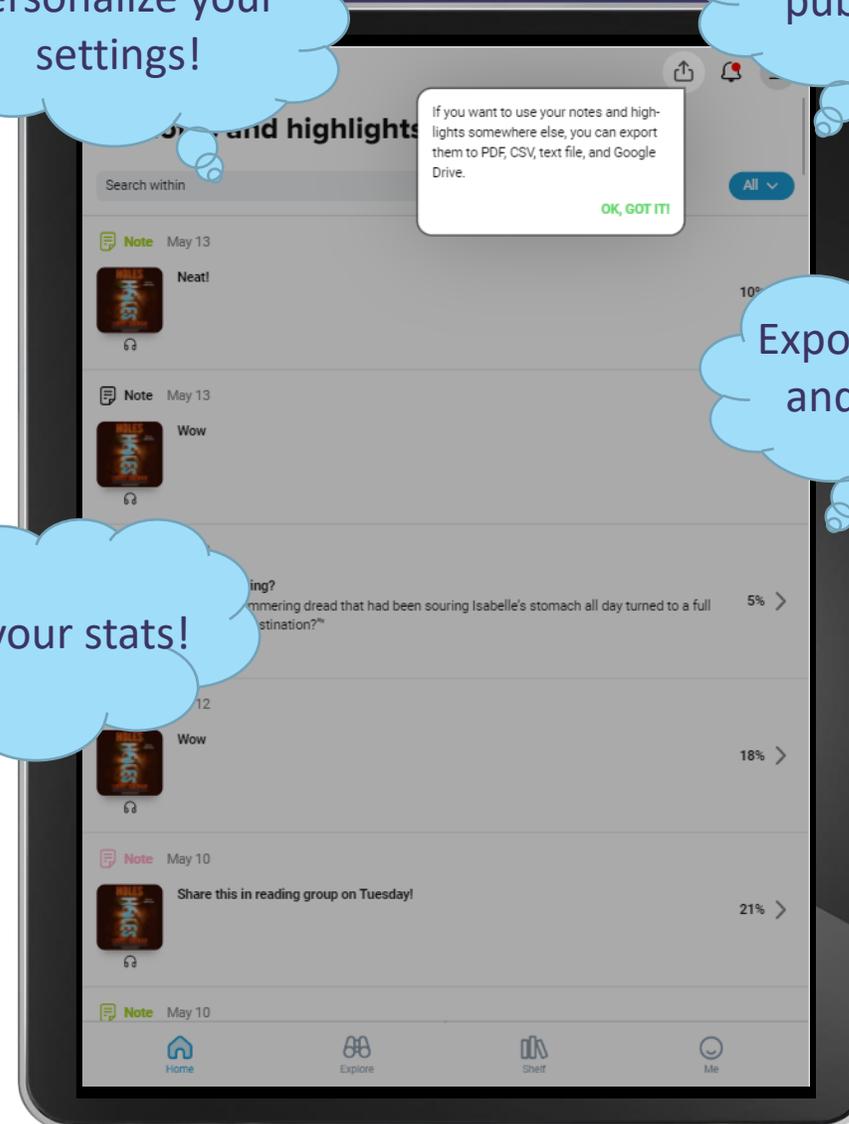
- [Take titles offline](#)
- [Customize reading settings](#)
- [Add a library](#)
- [Add a library with Public Library CONNECT](#)
- [Export notes and highlights](#)

Personalize your settings!

Add your public library!

Export your notes and highlights!

Check your stats!



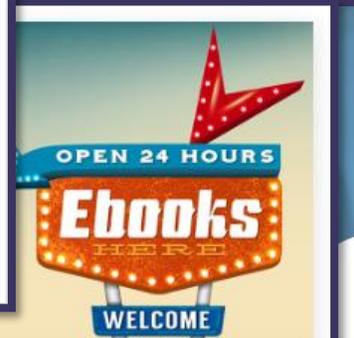
Teachers



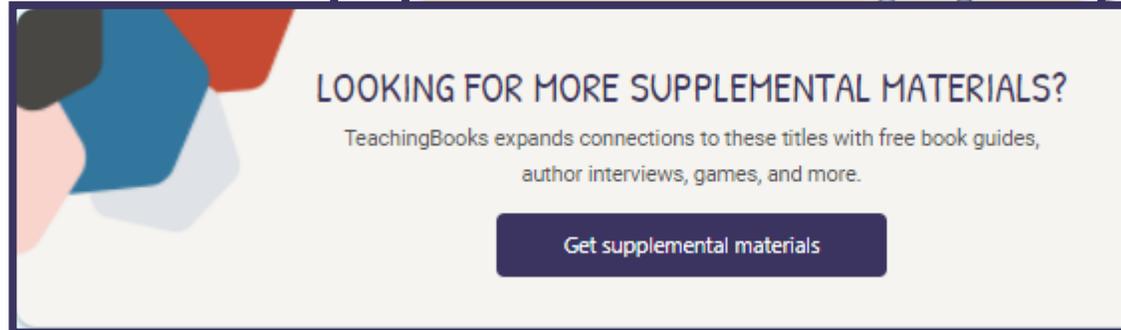
Engage your teachers



AudioFile
Sync AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS
FREE Listens All Summer Long!
audiobooksync.com



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TeachingBooks expands connections to these titles with free book guides, author interviews, games, and more.

Get supplemental materials

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



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EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

STAR WARS GALAXYS
A CRASH FAT
THE NEW GIRL
IRONHEART
FRANK ALICE
MAZE RUNNER
ONE FOR THE BOOKS

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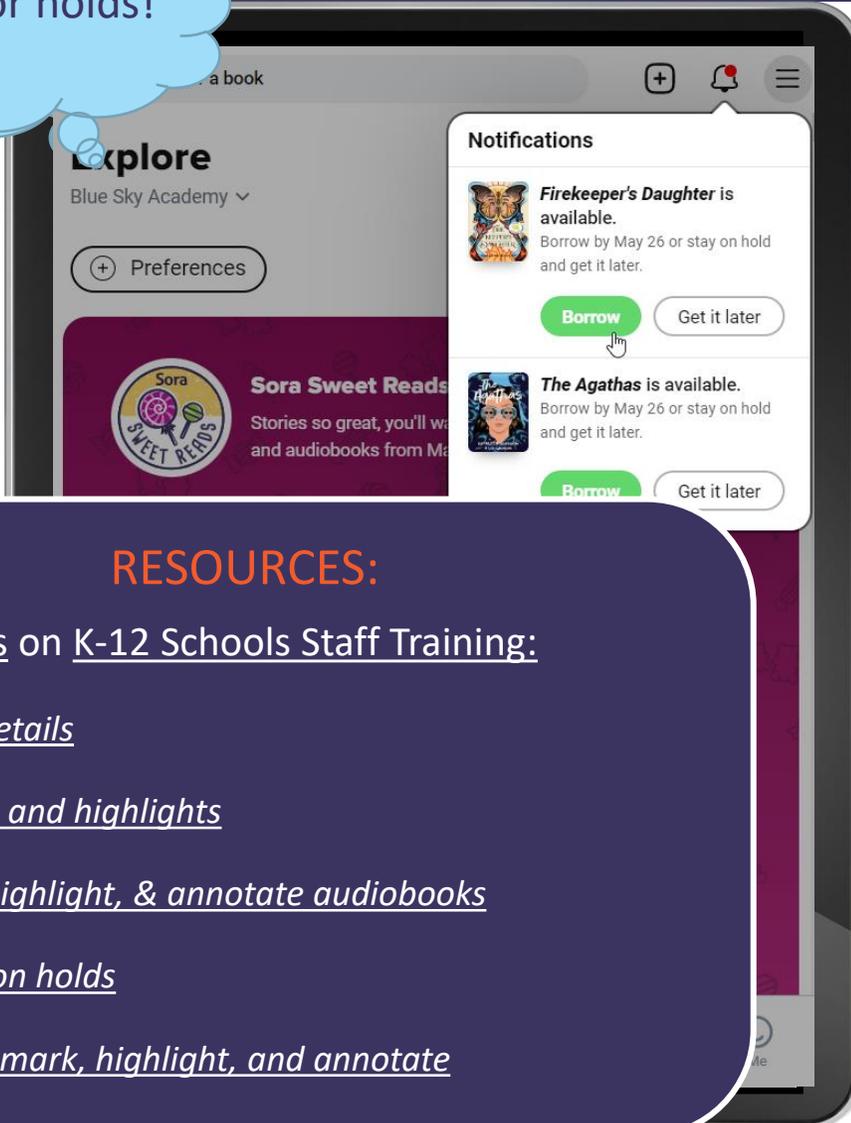
RESOURCES:

[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!

as if I might be able to catch some glimpse of the woman behind it. My father wanted one of them for my wife. Three sets of hands, prettily adorned with bracelets, lay quiet in their laps. One of the women was taller than the other two. I thought I saw a stray dark curl peek from beneath the

Dictionary

HIDE

adorned

ENGLISH DICTIONARY

adorn /əˈdɔrn/ *verb*. make more beautiful or attractive

SYNONYMS

embellish, decorate, furnish, ornament, add ornament to, enhance.

Definitions by [Oxford Dictionaries](#).

TOPICS

No relevant topics found.

EXPLORE

Wikipedia

Google

Translate

OverDrive

<https://translate.google.com/#auto/en/a...>

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

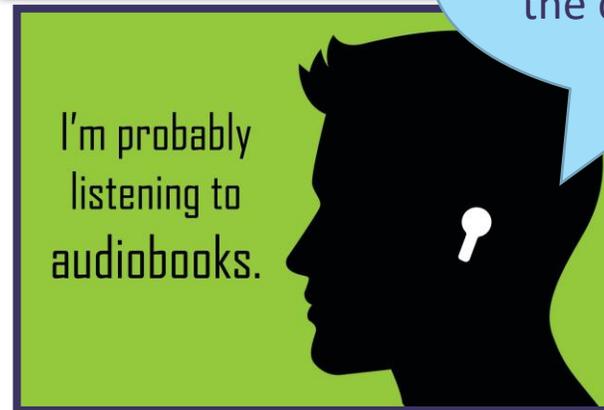
Teachers are on Facebook and Twitter!



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](#)



Set teachers up to succeed

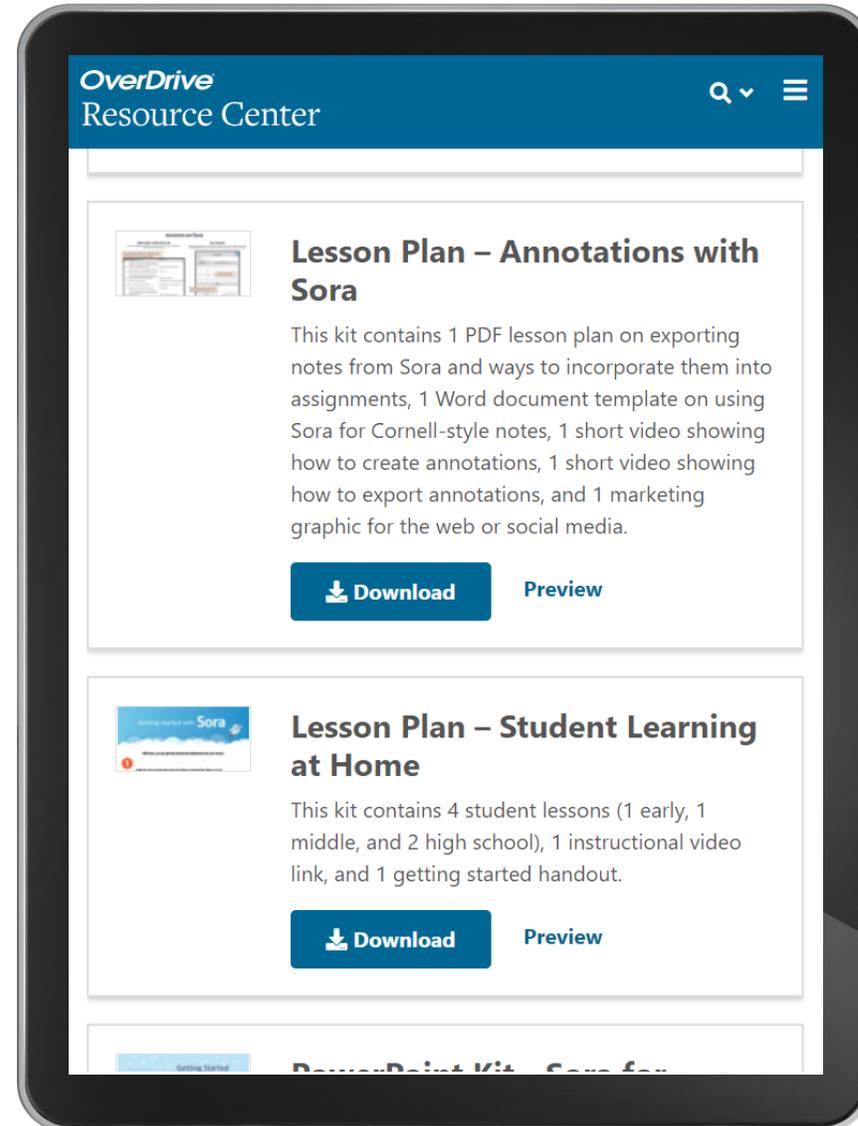
RESOURCES:

[Get started with Sora - for educators!](#)

[Get started with Sora - for students!](#)

[Shareable how-to videos](#)

[Ready-to-use lesson plans](#)



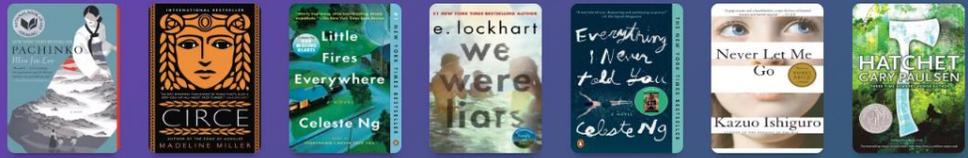
The screenshot displays the OverDrive Resource Center interface. At the top, the header reads "OverDrive Resource Center" with a search icon and a menu icon. Below the header, there are two main content cards. The first card is titled "Lesson Plan – Annotations with Sora" and includes a small thumbnail image. The description states: "This kit contains 1 PDF lesson plan on exporting notes from Sora and ways to incorporate them into assignments, 1 Word document template on using Sora for Cornell-style notes, 1 short video showing how to create annotations, 1 short video showing how to export annotations, and 1 marketing graphic for the web or social media." Below the description are two buttons: "Download" (with a download icon) and "Preview". The second card is titled "Lesson Plan – Student Learning at Home" and includes a small thumbnail image. The description states: "This kit contains 4 student lessons (1 early, 1 middle, and 2 high school), 1 instructional video link, and 1 getting started handout." Below the description are two buttons: "Download" (with a download icon) and "Preview". A third card is partially visible at the bottom, titled "Getting Started" and "PowerPoint Kit - Sora for".

Use your "break"

Check Sora! Do you have any PD collections?

Learn on your own time, at your own pace!

Discussion & Education
Books with built-in discussion questions. Generate discussions today!



Over 50 books >

Social Emotional Learning PD
SEL for Teachers & Staff

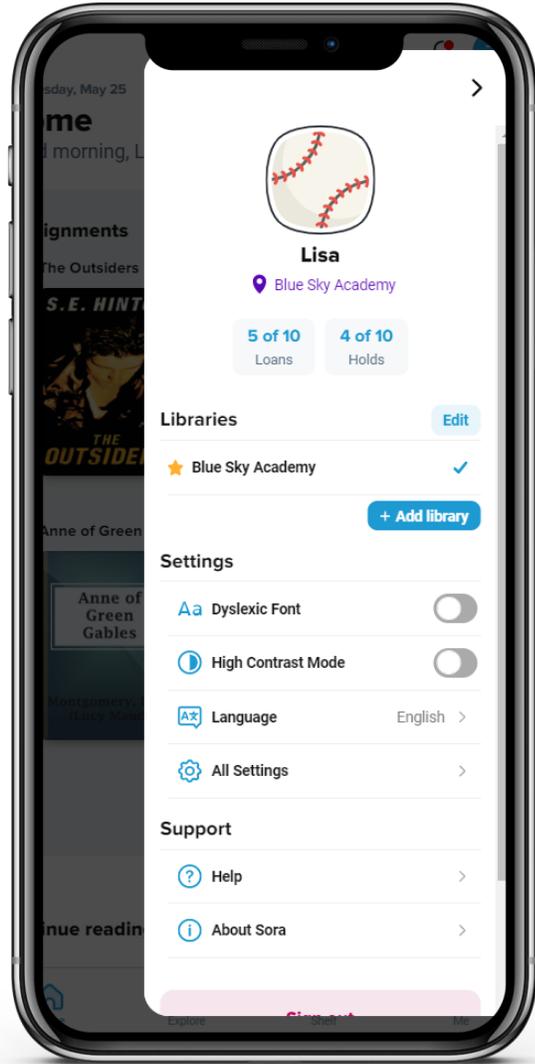


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Digital Learning PD
Digital and Distance Learning for Professionals



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



Using Sora for Classrooms & Curriculum

This module is designed for educators. Discover ways to use Sora's flexible reading tools for lesson planning, curriculum development, and more.

Bonus: download the [Sora for Classrooms & Curriculum connections chart](#), an at-a-glance view for educators of how Sora's features connect to classrooms & curriculum.

Launch Module

Parents



Partner with parents

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

Ask your student about Sora.



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RESOURCES:

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

Send your families "real" mail!



Sora perks:

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

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!



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The student reading app.

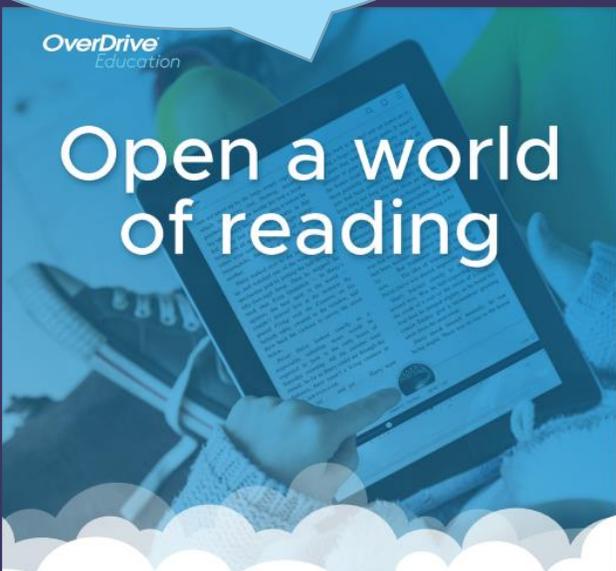


Partner with parents

Share what makes Sora great!



Open a world of reading



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Get Sora and start reading today!

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, 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,

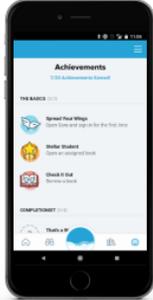
School Librarian/Principal/Staff Coordinator
Signature block

Send this home & hang it on the fridge!



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:

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.

OverDrive
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



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soraapp.com



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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.

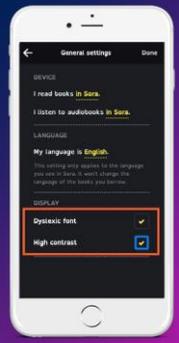


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For Every Reader

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 SALAAM HELLO GUTEN TAG
Hi NI HAO SALUT BONJOUR



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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.



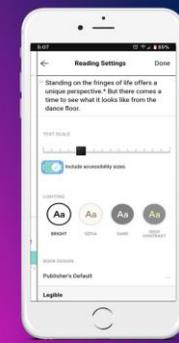
Highlighted text appears while the narrator reads!

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For Every Reader

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



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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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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!

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

RESOURCES:
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Encourage your families to view the video together!

Families can learn together!

The screenshot displays the OverDrive Resource Center website for K-12 Schools Staff Training. The page features a navigation bar with links for Library, K-12 Schools, Academic Libraries, and Professional Libraries. The main heading is "K-12 Schools Staff Training" with a sub-heading: "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." Below this, there are tabs for "Upcoming Webinars", "On-Demand Webinars", "How-To Videos", "Self-Paced Training" (which is highlighted), and "Training Kits". A "Module categories" section lists "Students" with 2 modules. Two module cards are visible: "Getting Started with Sora - Students" and "Add a Public Library in Sora". A video player on the right shows a video titled "Sora Essentials" with a duration of 0:00 / 0:44. A "Share this video" button is located below the video player. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "View all upcoming webinars" and "Get Resources".

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.

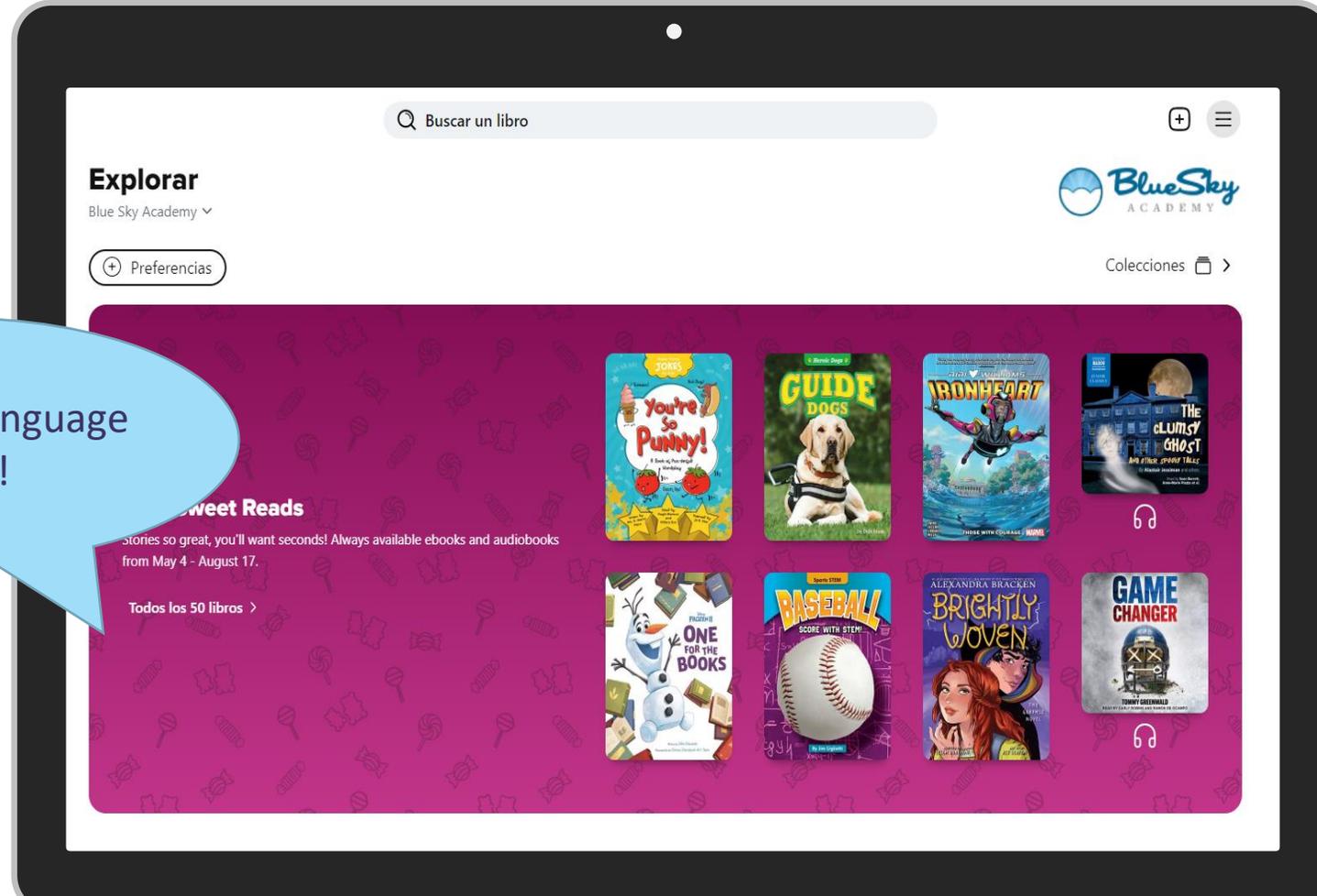
1. Click or tap .
2. Select **Language** (under "Settings").
3. Select a language. You can choose:

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

Change the language
in Sora!

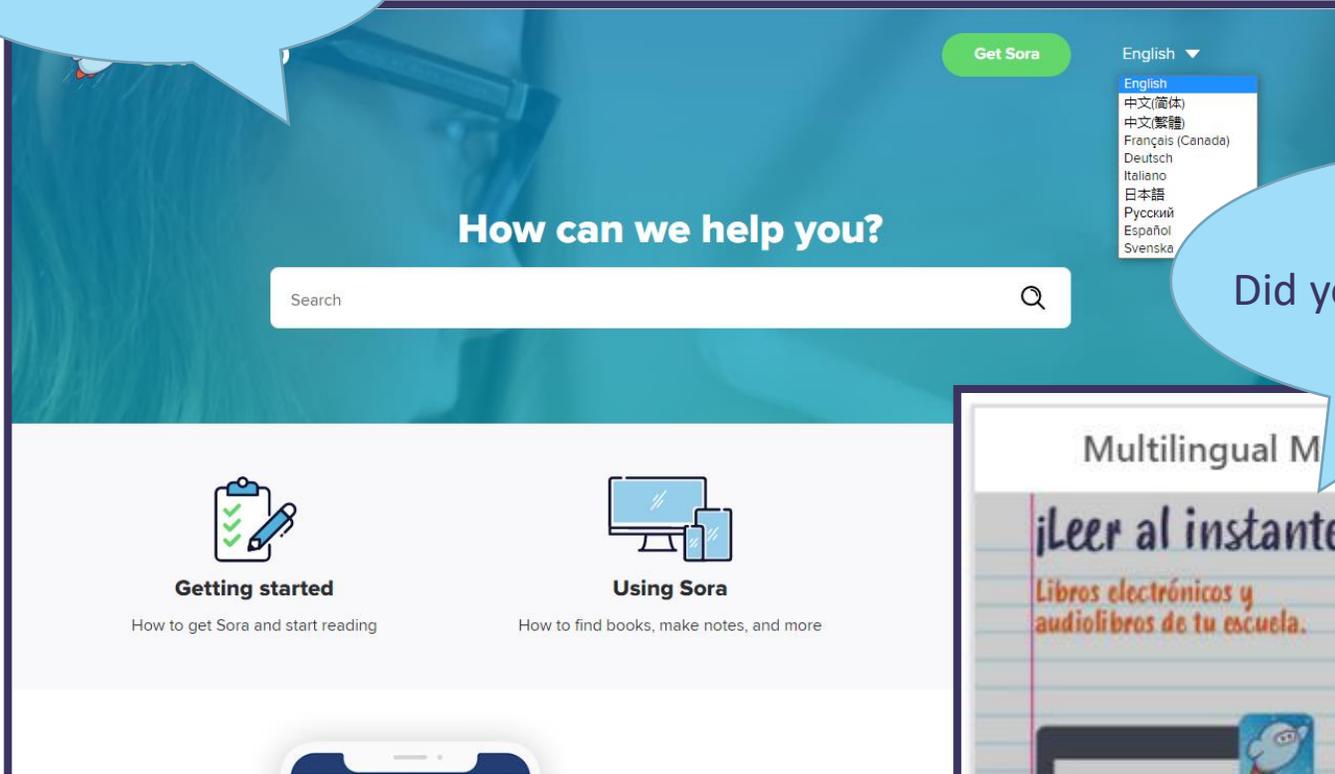
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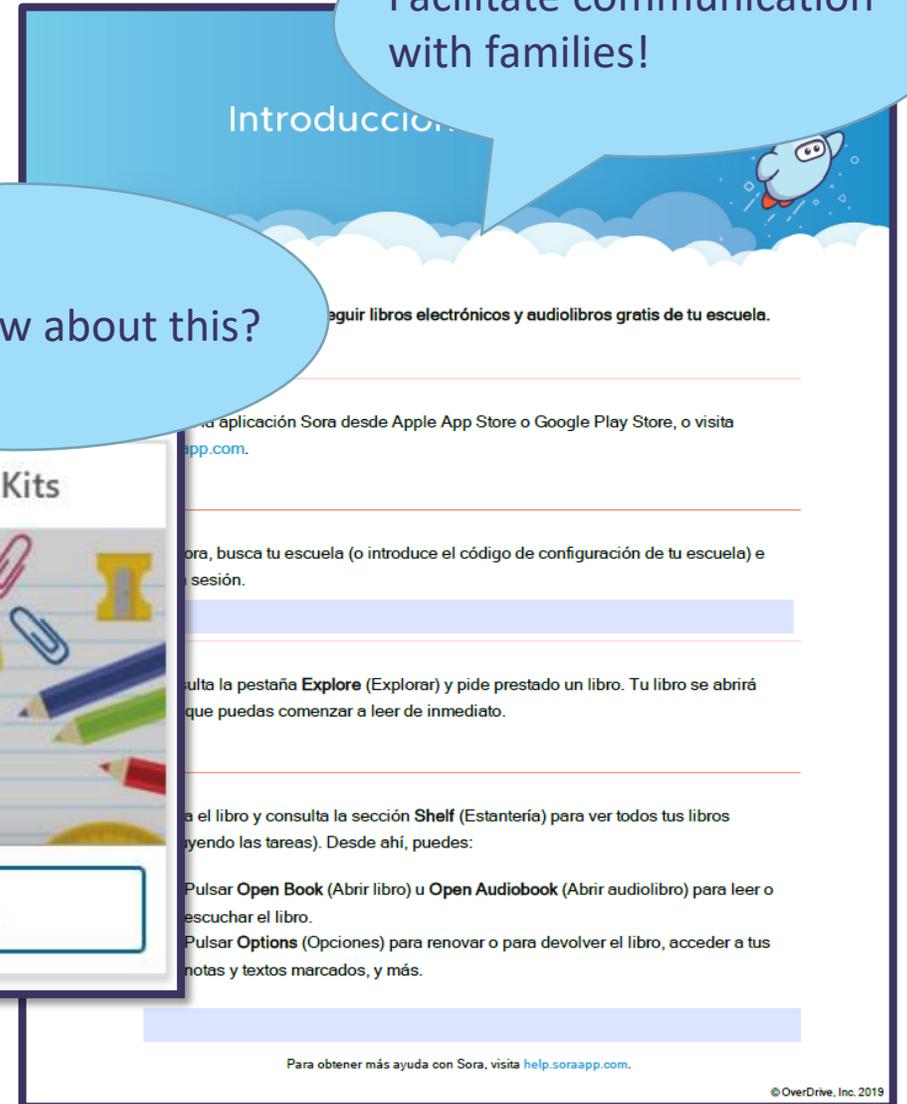


Multilingual Sora help resources

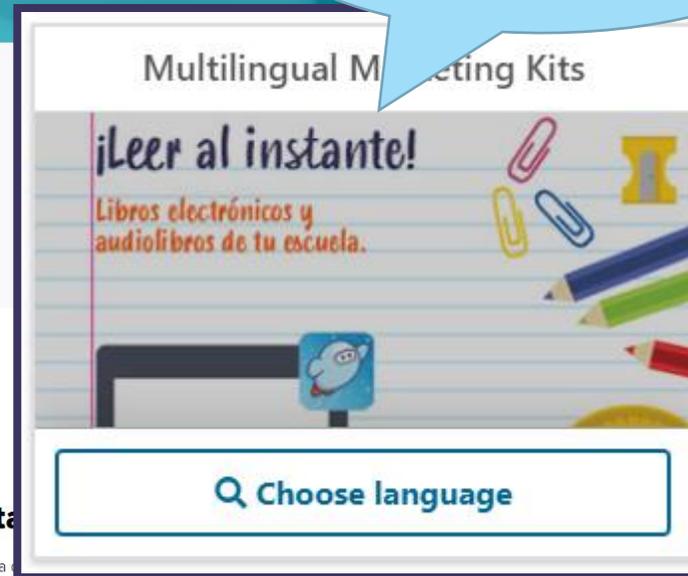
Visit Sora help.



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



Recap

✓ 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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Education®



Music: Smile by Bensound