Library and School Sharing Made Easy

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Overview

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• Opportunities for Libraries

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Why is a school and library partnership important?

• Kids do not spend enough time reading.

• Reading habits develop early and need to be nourished consistently.

• Literacy is key to academic success and workplace readiness.

• Illiteracy negatively impacts our wider communities.
Opportunities for libraries

✓ **Motivate** and **inspire** lifelong readers

✓ Bring your library **into the classroom**

✓ Engage the next generation of loyal library users

✓ **Increase circulation** of Juvenile and Young Adult content
### What’s the difference?

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Meet Libby

• Borrow ebooks and audiobooks from your public library.

• Sign in to multiple libraries.

• Download for offline reading, or stream to save space.

• Manage loans and holds – all on a single shelf.

• Sync across devices.
Discover Sora

• K-12 app designed around the modern reading experience.
• Borrow ebooks and audiobooks from a school library.
• Personalize learning tools.
• Export notes and highlights.
• Add a public library.
• View activity by minutes, hours, and days.
• Discover the right book. At the right time. For every student.
Congratulations Sora!
Tools for reading

- Direct integration with common classroom tools
- Notes + highlights
- Definitions
- Translations
Tools for helping students

- Google classroom tools
- Insights (reports)
- Student reading data
- Exporting notes
Age appropriate access

- Title assignments
- Curated collections
- Public library access
Add a public library

• Open Sora main menu.
• Tap “Add a public library”.
• Search for the library.
• Browse for a title.
• Sign in when prompted.
Shape lifelong learners

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Students can…

1. Use a library card
   - Students can login to the public library’s digital collection using a library card
   - This is available today with no additional setup needed by your library or school
Students can...

2. Use school credentials

- Student IDs can be integrated into the library’s ILS or the school’s authentication can be added as an additional sign-in option for the public library in Sora

- This is a collaborative effort with the library, school and OverDrive
What’s the advantage to using school credentials?

• Students have immediate and equal access

• Student IDs are familiar for students to remember for quick and easy sign-in

• OverDrive will help your library and school set this up
You may already have Sora checkouts!

1. Go to Marketplace.
2. Run the Checkouts Report.
4. Change the Borrowed from field to “Borrowed from Sora.”
Goals for Tuscaloosa City Schools:

✓ Increase student reading proficiency.
✓ Improve equity and access to reading materials.

Partnership opportunity:

• Tuscaloosa Public Library added student login option to OverDrive.
• Students access school’s collection and age-appropriate public library titles.
• School and library jointly promote partnership.
Juvenile and Young Adult circulation increased by 49%
In 2015, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (CML) partnered with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMSD) to launch ONE Access.

How it works:

- CMSD student IDs automatically added to library ILS.
- Student IDs grant access to all library services.
- Branch librarians host programs throughout district.
- Focused on STEM and early literacy.
Spotlight on: Charlotte, NC

Christine Clark @ChristinekClark · 27 Dec 2017
I just put 2 books on hold for my kids instead of ordering them on Amazon! #Freebooks #ONEAccess

CMS Library Media @CMS_Libraries
Did you know that you can also place books on hold to go pick up at the public library of your choice? #ONEAccess #Read twitter.com/ChristinekClar...

Sabre Library @Sabre_Library · 8 Nov 2018
Hey, South Meck! Did you know that your CMS ID number gets you access to all the resources at the @cmlibrary ?? That includes FREE music, movies, and audiobooks! #oneaccess @CMS_smhssabres

David Jessup, Jr. @djJessupjr · 10 Sep 2016
#oneaccess @cmlibrary was a @DigiBridgeUS lifesaver @ West Blvd. Legacy Fest today. Library lends hotspots!
CMSD will launch Sora to all students this school year.

*Over 35% YoY circulation growth in 2018
Next steps:

• **Contact** your OverDrive Account Manager for more ideas and best practices.

• **Identify** partnership opportunities with local schools.

• **Discover** Sora—sign up @ discoversora.com.

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