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Embedding SORA Into Weber School District

Introductions

Weber School District
Northern Utah
Number of Students: 33,000
Number of Schools: 45
Number of Employees: 3,800



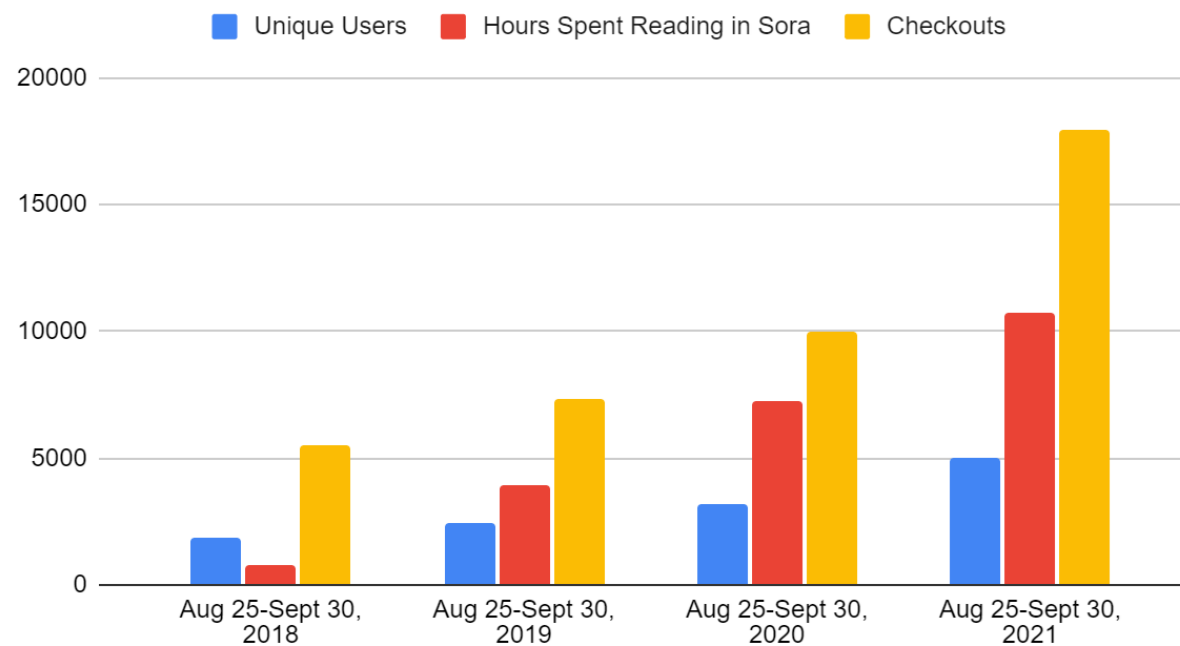
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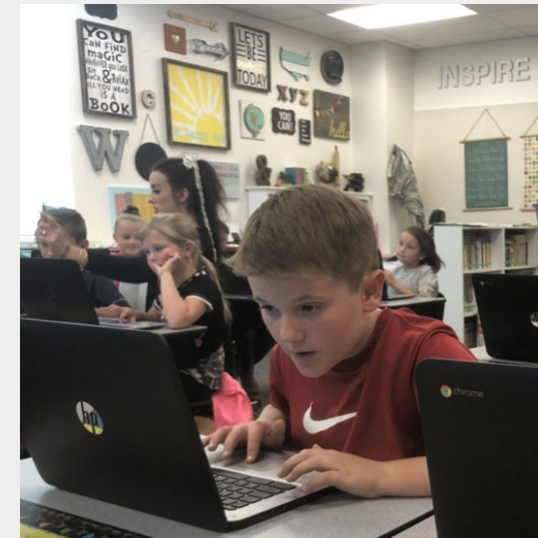
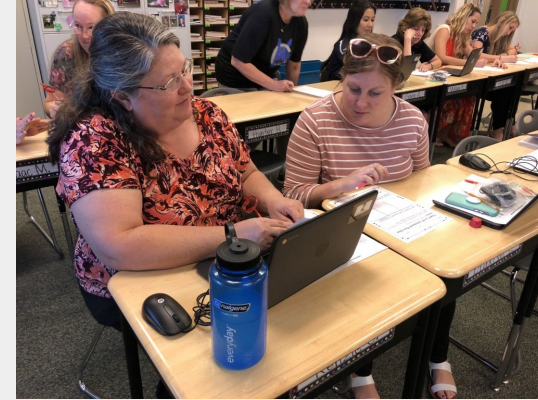
SORA Increases in Weber School District--September Data

Unique Users, Hours Spent Reading in Sora and Checkouts



5 Ways Weber School District Increased SORA Usage

- ✓ Embedded SORA into District Technology
- ✓ Increased Funding
- ✓ Systematic Training and PD
- ✓ Used Librarians as Support
- ✓ Increased Stakeholders



Embedding SORA into District Technology

Using technology is not an “event” in our district. Using technology is a way to help students achieve their learning goals in the most seamless, effective way possible.



- Google
- Canvas
- WeVideo
- Remind
- Adobe
- Nearpod
- Sora

Funding Increase

- A Portion of Funding was Given by Each Library
- ESSER Funds
- New Funding Brings New Issues
 - A Committee to Choose Books
 - Help from the Pros at OverDrive
 - Collection Development Analysis



Noel Zickefoose



Barbara Bailey



Systemic Training Through LEARN Conference

LEARN Conference for All Teachers in Weber District

This Year's Theme: **Momentum**

SORA Trainings Offered:

Beginning: Building an Army of Readers

- Logging into SORA
- Checking out Books
- Linking to other Libraries
- Changing Settings

Intermediate: Revolution Reading

- Classroom Sets
- Cost Per Circ
- Simultaneous Use Model



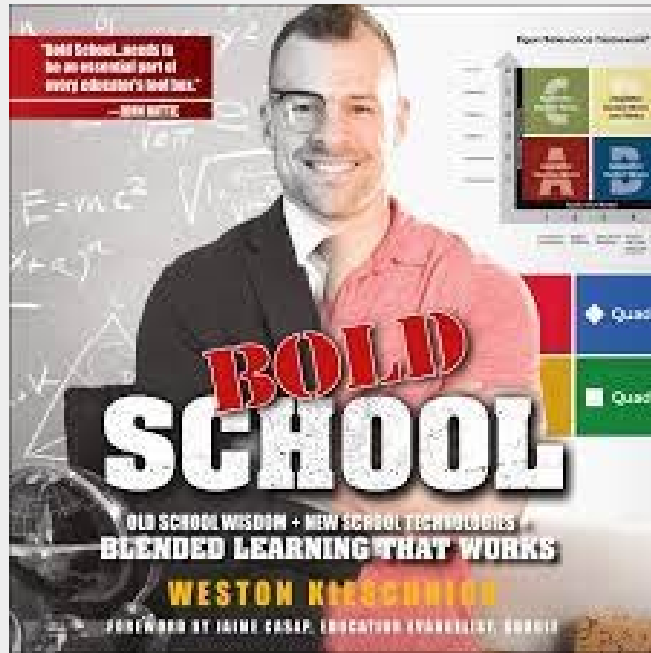
Reactions to SORA Presentations at the LEARN Conference

I said this in the presentation, however, I want to emphasize that I am SO excited to learn of a resource that I could easily use for literature circles. **I think they are so valuable to students, but hard to put together effectively and that's even before holding kids accountable to actually reading the material.** I definitely plan on trying to implement classroom sets in my 10th grade curriculum, and I can't wait to start seeking out titles.

I loved this session because I always felt like **our printed collections are just one step behind the trends** and this really gives lots of options to rectify that.

Learning about SORA was awesome, and **this could be a great resources for all classes, not just English.** This would be a great resource for all teachers to know about for any class.

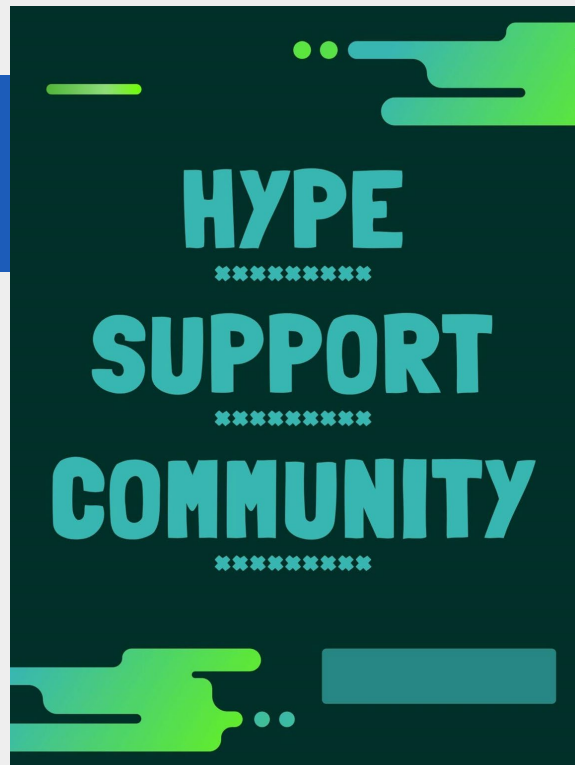
Systemic PD Partnered with SORA



Guiding Text for our District

- All faculties are using this text to guide thinking in Blended Learning.
- SORA audio copies are available 100 checkouts/\$100.
- Shelf assignment = 6 months
- This is the perfect opportunity to get teachers on board with becoming familiar with SORA.
- Weston Kieschnick will visit our district in December.

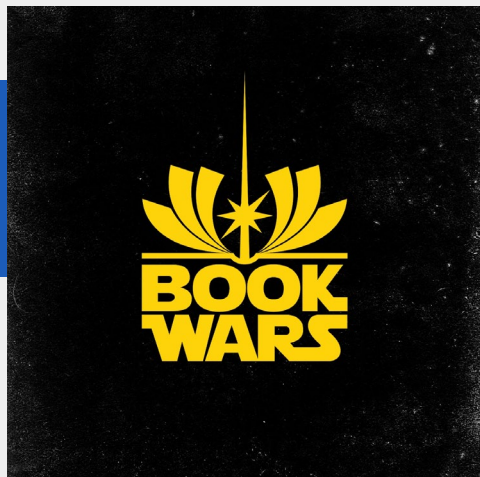
Librarians are the Community for SORA



Librarians Have Been Prepared to Provide a Community for SORA

- Specialized Training Provided by OverDrive
- Live Question and Answer Sessions with Noel
- Access to Promotional Materials
- Monthly Share Meetings

Community--Ideas from Library Monthly Share Meetings



**School-Wide Challenge
Using Simultaneous-Use
Books.**



**Book Clubs Using
Classroom Sets of
Books**



**Reading Challenges
Using One Copy-One
Use Books**

Community--Librarians Receiving Specialized Training

OverDrive Training - Weber School District

GET STARTED

DETAILS ▾

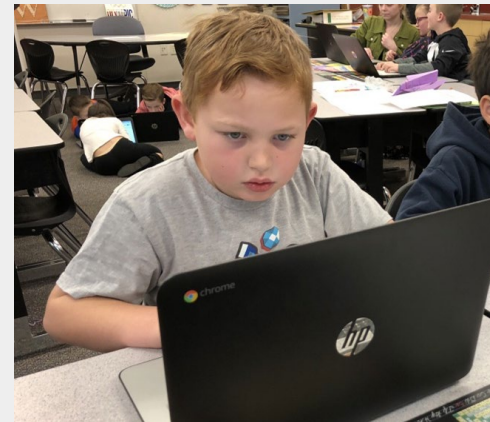
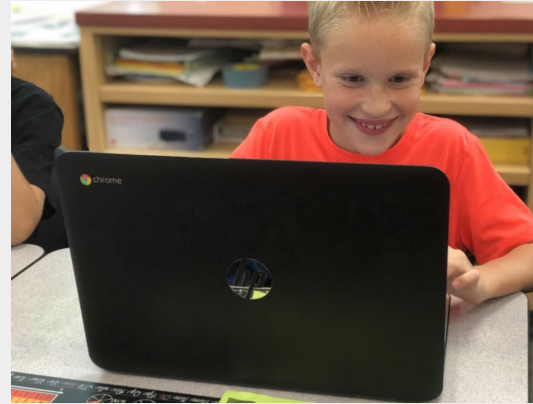
Weber District Training

- Purchasing Titles
- Building Carts
- Purchasing and Assigning Class Sets
- Curating Collection
- Title Assignments
- Managing Users
- Librarians Received \$250 from the District for Completing the Training

Increasing Stakeholders

How Do We Get More People to Demand SORA?

- District Grants for Classroom Sets
- Helping Administrators Find Quality Books for their Faculties
- Speaking About and Use SORA During Admin Meetings
- Providing Teachers Examples they May Not Have Thought of: Cost Per Circulation Models for events like author visits and booktalks



Increasing Stakeholders--SORA District Grants

What are the Grants:

- Teachers fill out a simple Google Form to apply.
- We would like to know the book and a few activities/strategies that will be used.
- \$100 content credit assigned to the school library.
- Grants are reviewed and school librarians work with teachers to purchase and assign titles.

Example Application:

I would choose Migración. I teach Dual Immersion, so I would use to help with science, Spanish and teaching the students about animals and their adaptations, as well as different habitats.

Example Application:

We would like to read some fun books as a class. Using SORA means that all 4th grade classes can read the same book at the same time. This has never happened before and we really want to read *Ranger in Time*.

Grants Awarded So Far= 42



Future SORA Ideas



TEACHER PANEL

**DISTRICT-
WIDE BOOK
CLUB**

**PROFESSIONAL
LIBRARIES**

**SIMULTANEOUS
USE BOOKS
DISTRICT-WIDE**

**MAGAZINE
SUBSCRIPTION**

Questions and Answers