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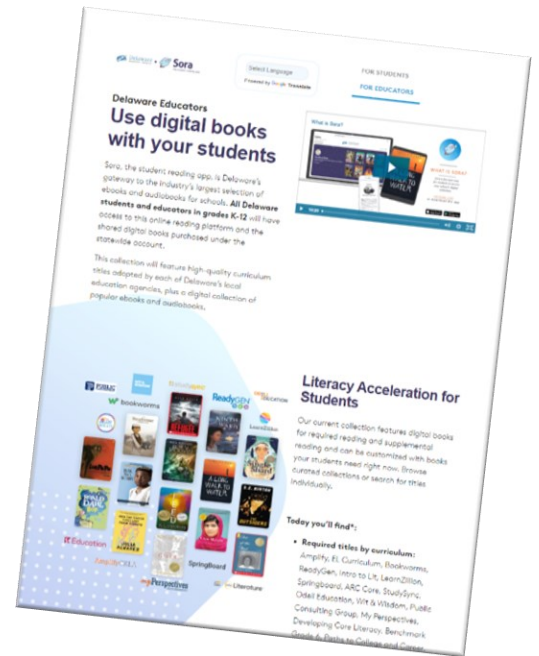
January 2022 | Delaware Accelerate Learning Digital Collection

Welcome!

In this edition, your Sora Team has collected product tips and tricks, data highlights, training events and resources to help you save time and use digital books in the classroom.

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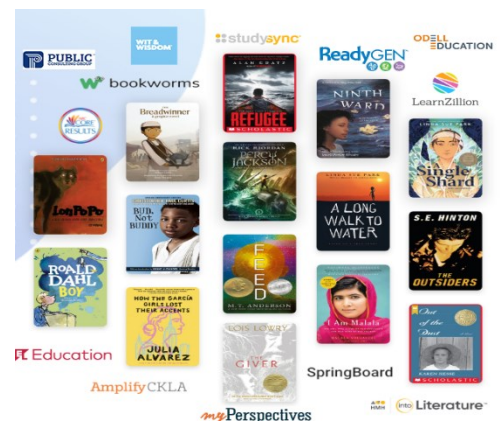
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Text Support for HQIM's are Live in Sora

As you are aware, the goal of this collection is to support schools with literacy acceleration. Your OverDrive team has researched all 15 HQIM's and have added the over **1600** required & recommended titles which have been adopted. These titles are all available in simultaneous access, meaning your students will not need to wait for their copy. In addition, Sora is also packed full of all their favorites. Our goal is to keep them reading and coming back for more. Most students find Sora on their own via their student dashboards, others may need a push. When you are getting ready to read a novel, check for the novel in Sora. Share a link to the novel with your students or create a QR code to the novel. Engage your teachers, remind them to use Sora and share Sora with their students.

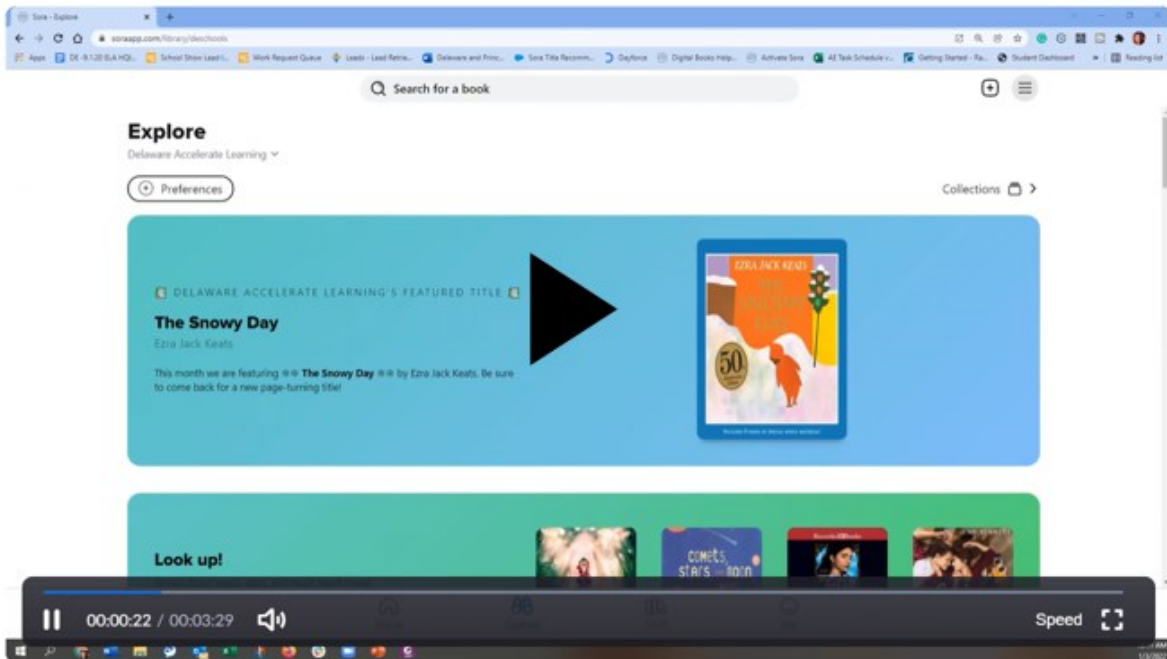


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Here is a quick video that will walk you through how to share more with your students.

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Note: We have included the titles that are available in digital. If you are looking for a title and do not see it in Sora, **please click the “Request a Title” link below.** We will work to get the title added ASAP.

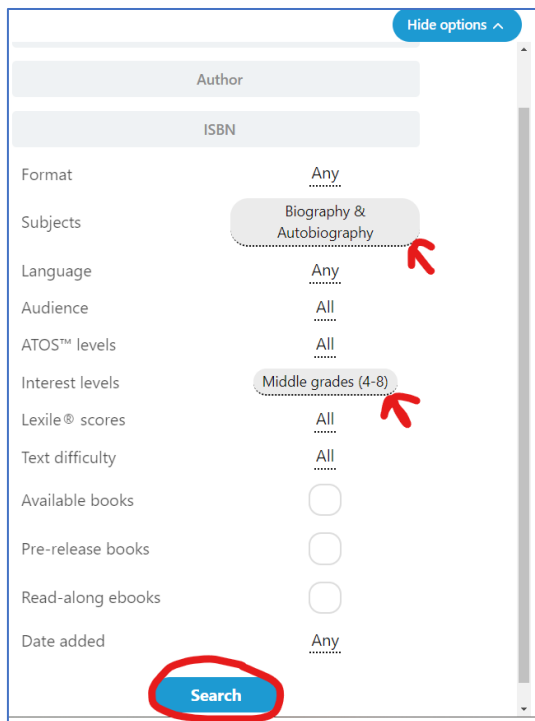
[Request a Title](#)

Sora Tips & Tricks – Learn more how to EXPLORE!

Let’s learn to search for books in Sora.

On the EXPLORE tab, click “Search for a book” field Here you can search for a book by title, author, series, or even subject.

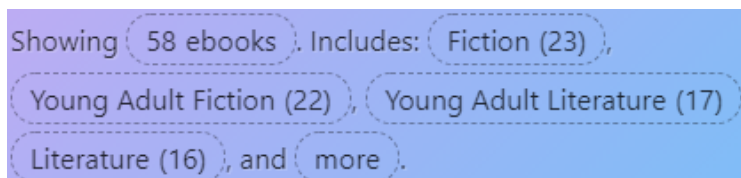
By clicking the “More options” button, you can additionally search by format, language, reading level and more.



You can check the **Read-along ebooks** box to only search for Read-along titles in the collection. Read-alongs are titles that have narration so you can follow along while you read.

Pre-release books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Read-along ebooks	<input type="checkbox"/>

Once you choose search, titles that meet your criteria will populate. You can click or tap a circled word at the top of the screen to narrow your results. Options can include formats (like **ebooks**) and subjects (like **History**).



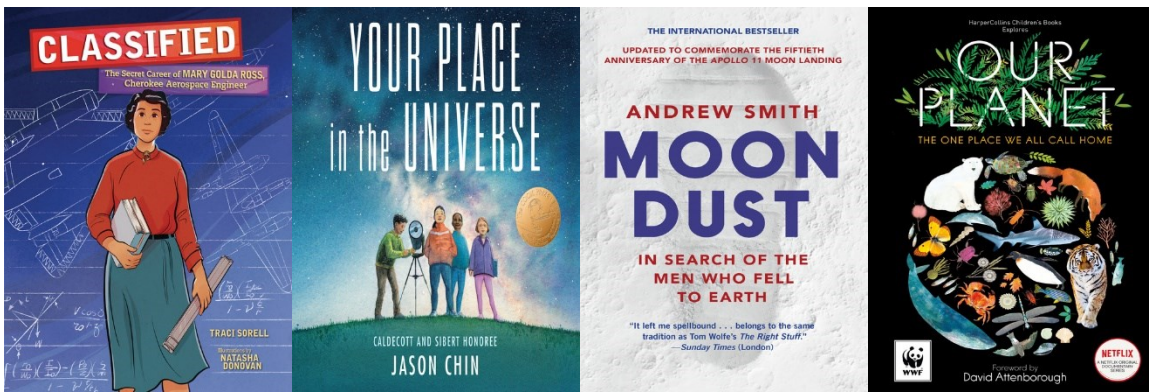
Additionally, you can click refine, then:

- Select **Show available books only** to see only books you can borrow right away.
- Select **Sort by** to choose a sort option.
- Select **Language, Audience, or Compatibility** to add filters.
- Select **Search within results** to search for a specific title, author, or keyword.

Look Up! The James Webb Space Telescope and more

NASA's [James Webb Space Telescope](#), launched on Christmas Day 2021 and represents a new dawn of space exploration. The telescope is 100 times more sensitive than any telescope before it. This telescope will literally view history and the formation of the galaxies and stars that exist today. This month we've curated Sora collections to capture some of that excitement.

Look Up! Celebrates all things celestial with books on space, the stars, planets, and dozens of themed titles. Here's some of what students will find: [Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, a Cherokee Aerospace Engineer](#), [Moon dust: In Search of the Men Who Fell to Earth](#), and much more!

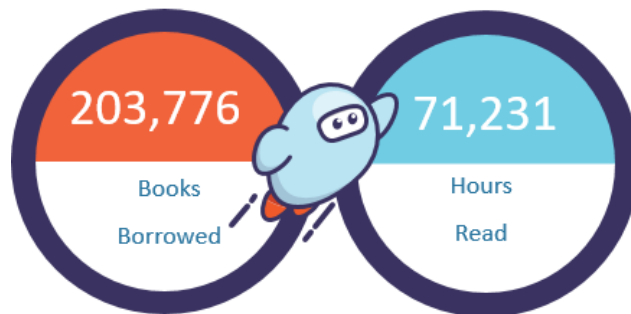


You can find more **Look Up!** titles directly in Sora [HERE!](#)

Make sure you check out [Tomorrows and Yesterdays](#), a related collection that features futuristic titles and books about time travel!

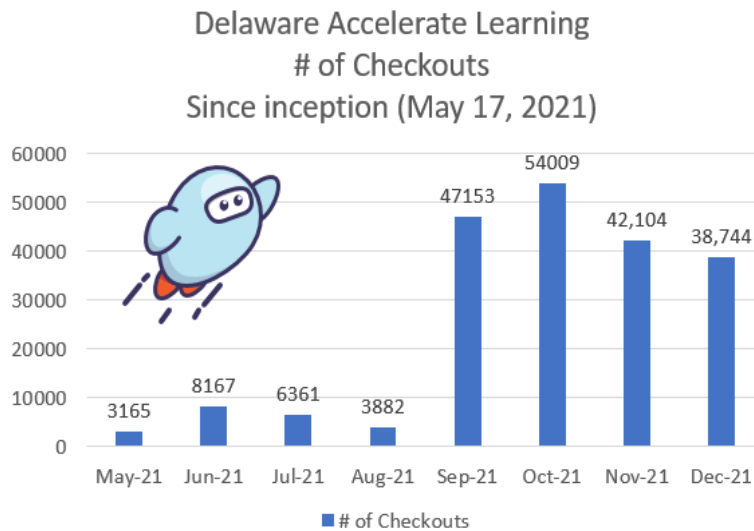
Data deep dive: who's reading & top 10

Did you know that students in Delaware have borrowed more than 203,000 books since your statewide Sora platform was activated? The latest data is below, but you also have access to this data for your district. If you would like to learn how to access your own usage data please reach out to [Jody](#) or [Victoria](#).

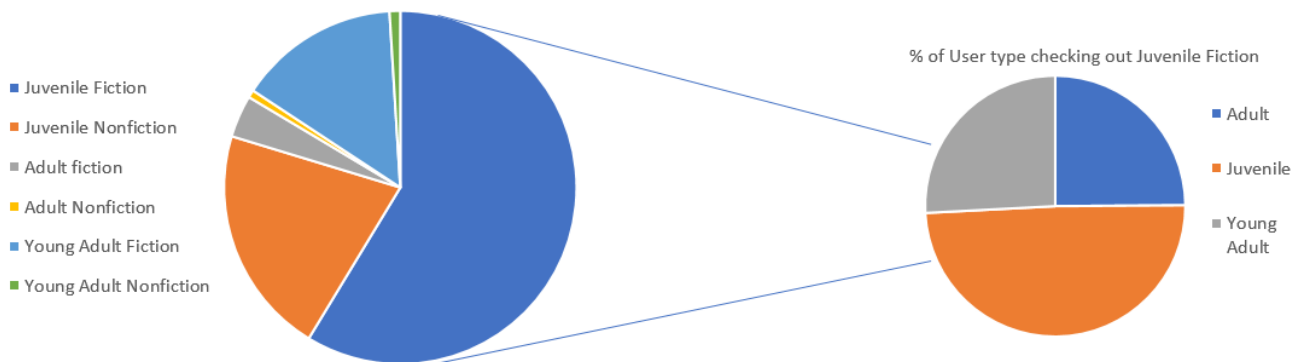


The below charts reflect circulation data since inception date (May 17, 2021) through December 31, 2021

- Total # of Checkouts: **203,776**
- Total # of hours reading: **71,231**

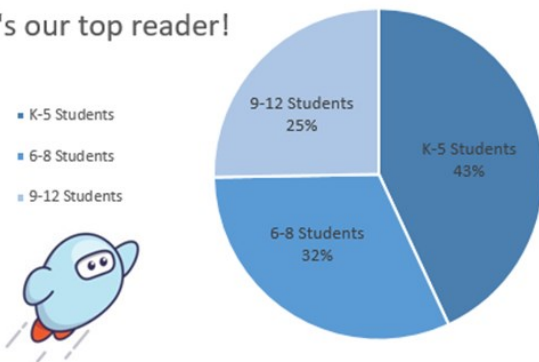


Total Checkouts by Publisher's audience rating



Audience rating is set by the publisher. This chart shows that Juvenile fiction titles are the most popular titles. Diving deeper, we discovered that Elementary students represented 50% of the checkouts while the other 50% was split evenly between 6-12 grade students.

Who's our top reader!



According to our checkout reports, elementary students (K-5) seem to be our top borrowers

Top 10 Checkouts for 2021

Total checkouts **14,327**



Top 10 Titles by Read Time for 2021

Hours read **8,925.13**



Join a live Sora Essentials session with OverDrive

Join OverDrive on **Thursday January 13th at 3 PM EST** to learn the basics of Sora so you can start exploring and help others get started too.

Our Sora Essentials sessions are intended for educators brand new to the Sora platform who want to learn to:

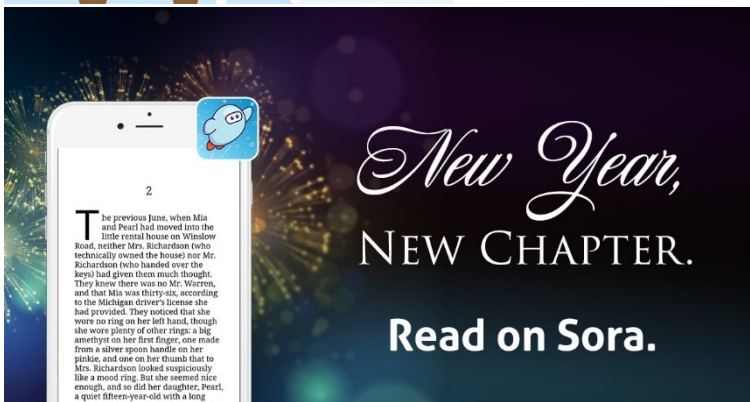
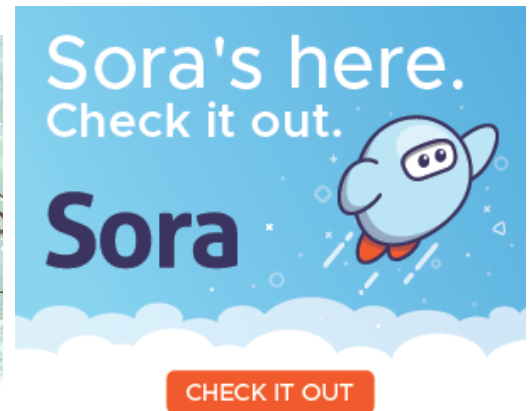
- Log into Sora using your school credentials
- Borrow an ebook and audiobook
- Customize your reading and listening experiences
- Explore the top 5 ways Sora serves students
- Help your students and other staff get started with Sora

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZAXeWPOFTf6dXbduFEBlsw

Can't make that date? Our Training Team will send a recording to all registrants the day after the live presentation to watch at your convenience.

Use social media to engage more students



Reach more students by sharing social media images we've provided.

1. Download your [Delaware Social Media Kit](#)
2. Target your images to your [Digital Collection](#): <https://soraapp.com/library/deschools>
3. -OR- Target your post content to a specific book using the [grab URL trick](#) you learned above
4. Get [even more promo items](#) from the OverDrive Resource Center.

Thanks for reading!

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