Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

April 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.

In this issue

Never miss an update! Make sure you're signed up for our email newsletters to be the first to know about sales, new features, and updates about Sora right away: https://forms.office.com/r/VjHqSnM0Fh

Check out previous releases of the Soar with Sora Newsletter here: https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/discover-sora/deschools/

Share your Summer Reading plans?

We know how important keeping a culture of reading over the summer is for students. Your Sora team is here to help. Take the 5-minute survey below to share your plans with us and we can ensure your students will have access to the titles they need to keep them reading all summer long. We can also support promotional efforts. If you need swag, scavenger hunt templates or other tools, let us know. We can also help brainstorm ideas with you and your team.

> Click here to take the 5 minute survey

Book a time with us using our personal booking links (Jody or Victoria).

Collaborative Summer Library Program

The national summer reading theme for public libraries this year is "Oceans of Possibilities!" Delaware Libraries have already begun registering participants and event planning is in full swing.

https://lib.de.us/programs/summerreading/#

https://lib.de.us/signup/

Delaware Accelerate Learning is joining the fun and offering a collection with the same theme. Students can track their progress, access school initiatives, and be involved with their community public libraries all in one place!
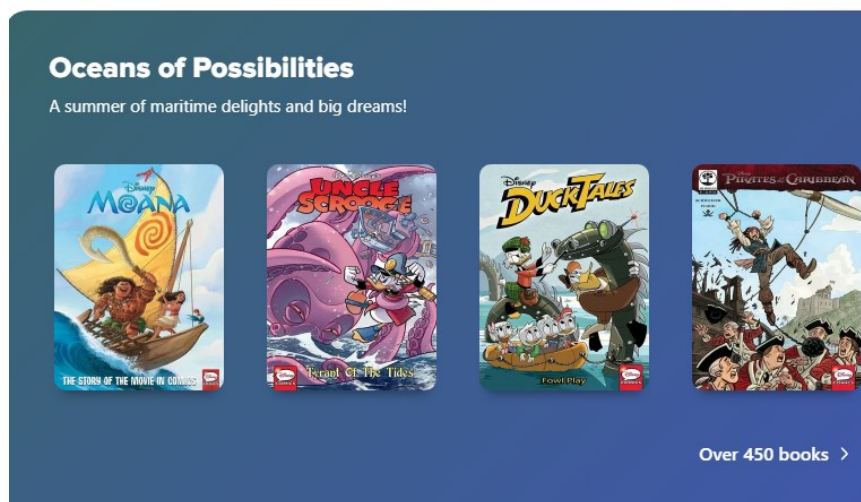
Curriculum Resources in Sora

Summer is also a time for research, lesson planning, and professional development. We've made a host of resources available that put some of those high-quality instructional materials at your fingertips.

Your OverDrive Delaware Schools website links you to resources for teachers and students. Not only can educators request titles for the collection, but they can also link directly to HQIM materials they need in Sora.

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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   Links to curations in Sora PDF

The organization is user-friendly, and the links can be copied and pasted for easy sharing with colleagues and students.

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Race, Bias and Antiracism - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298662/page-1

African American Biographies Grade K-5 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298329/page-1

African American Biographies Grades 6-12 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298331/page-1

African American Fiction Grade K-5 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298529/page-1

African American Fiction Grade 6-12 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298530/page-1

African American History K-5 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298659/page-1

Civil Rights Movement Grade 6-12 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298661/page-1

Slavery – Civil War 6-12 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1298660/page-1

Elementary Tradebook Links

Bookworms

Bookworms – Kindergarten - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1290991/page-1

Bookworms Grade 1 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1290343/page-1

Bookworms Grade 2 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1290344/page-1

Bookworms Grade 3 – https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1305237/page-1

Bookworms Grade 4 - https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1305241/page-1

Sora Tips and Tricks: Summer Reading with OverDrive
Sora Sweet Reads:

Mark your calendars, our summer reading program begins May 4th! The program runs until August 17th, so your students will have access all summer long! This program contains 50 always available titles, in multiple age levels, that will display prominently at the top of Sora. You can see the full list of titles that will be included at https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-sweet-reads/. Feel free to use these titles and for your own summer reading programs or to supplement your programs!
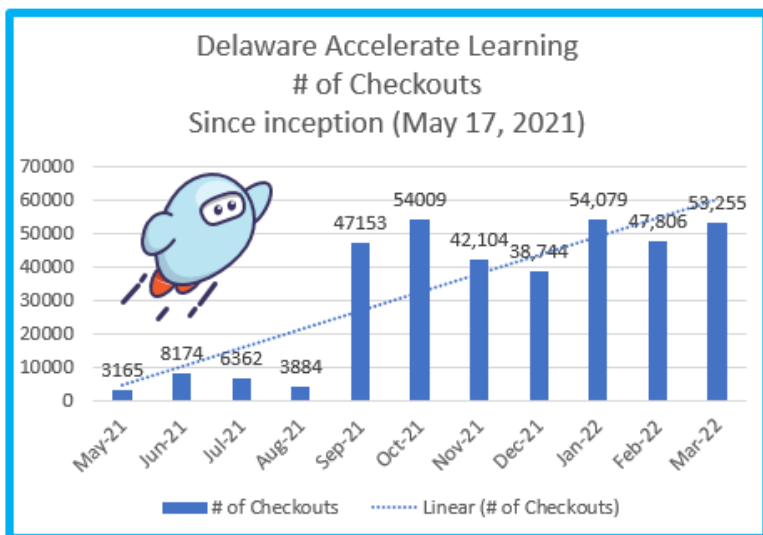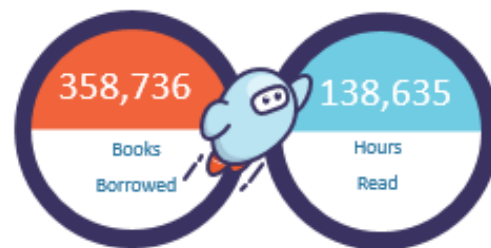
AudioSync:

FREE AUDIOBOOKS FOR TEENS
SYNC returns April 28, 2022

AudioSync Audiobooks for Teens is a free summer audiobook program for teens 13+ presented by AudioFile. Each week, two thematically paired audiobooks are given to participations for sixteen weeks throughout the whole summer. To participate, you can sign up at https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/sync/. SYNC will then send instructions to access the program within Sora. AudioFile and OverDrive are presenting a webinar where you can learn more on April 26th at 2:00pm. You can register here to attend live or receive the recording.

Data deep dive: who's reading & top 10

Since May 2021, we have seen over 358,736 books borrowed and over 138,635 hours read. 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.

358,736 Books Borrowed
138,635 Hours Read

Delaware Accelerate Learning
# of Checkouts
Since inception (May 17, 2021)

Month	# of Checkouts
May-21	3165
Jun-21	8174
Jul-21	6362
Aug-21	3884
Sep-21	47153
Oct-21	54009
Nov-21	42,104
Dec-21	38,744
Jan-22	54,079
Feb-22	47,806
Mar-22	53,255

# of Checkouts .... Linear (# of Checkouts)

Let's look at 2022 data!
Data since January 1, 2022
- 137,908 checkouts
- 67,392 hours read

March 1 – March 31, 2022
- 53,255 checkouts!
- 24,766 hours read!

Total books opened

Total number of books **141,711**

Audiobook ■ Ebook

Total time read

Total number of hours **67,391.33**
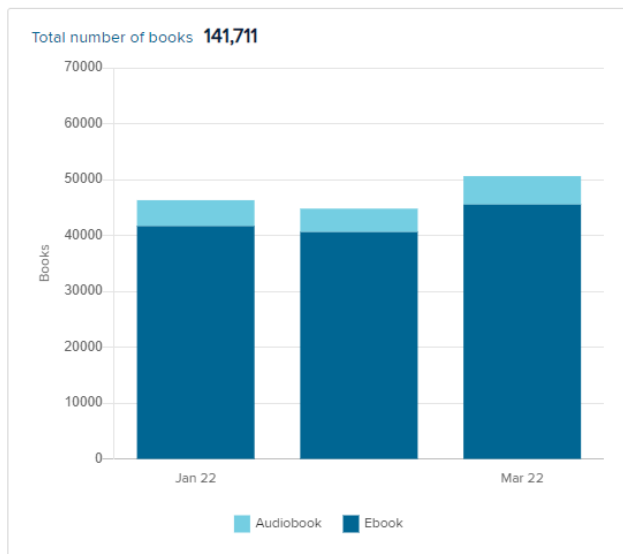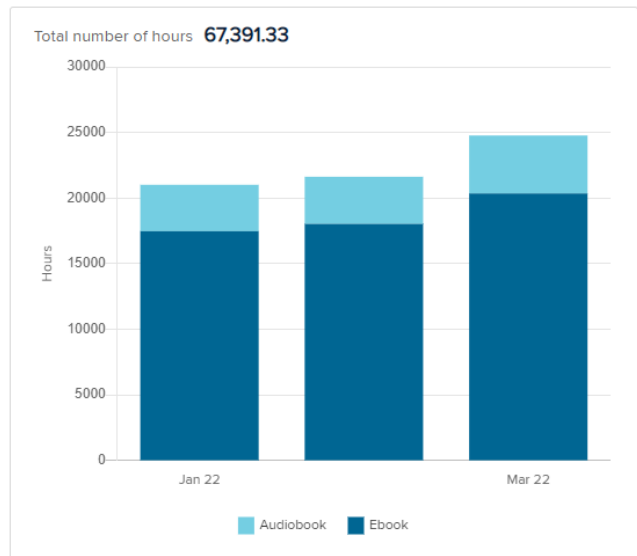
Audiobook ■ Ebook

Books opened shows how engaged students are with what they are reading. 137,908 checkouts but some books opened more than once.

Favorite Formats

■ Audiobook ■ Ebook ■ Magazine

3%
10%
87%

Average time per user

Average minutes per month **105.68**

■ Reading time
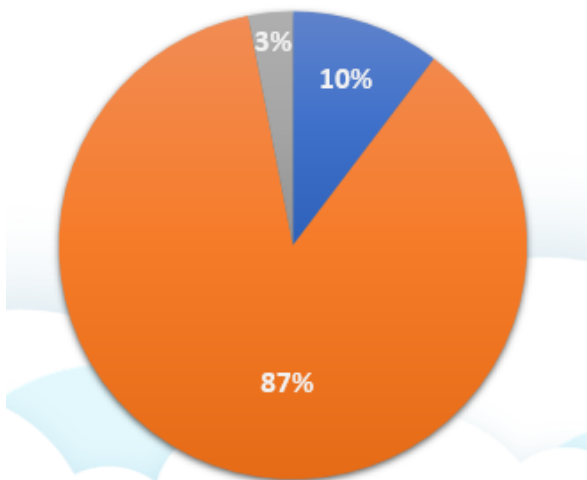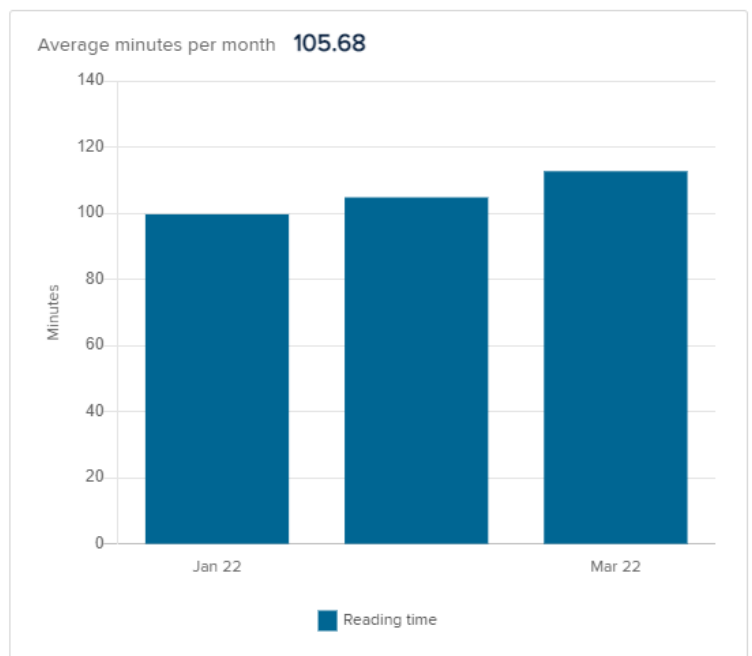
Row Labels	⊤ Sum of All checkouts
Arabic	25
Catalan; Valencian	1
Chinese	391
Chinese, English	148
English, Spanish; Castilian	428
French	14
German	70
Spanish; Castilian	4460
Grand Total	**5537**

Reading Hours by User Level
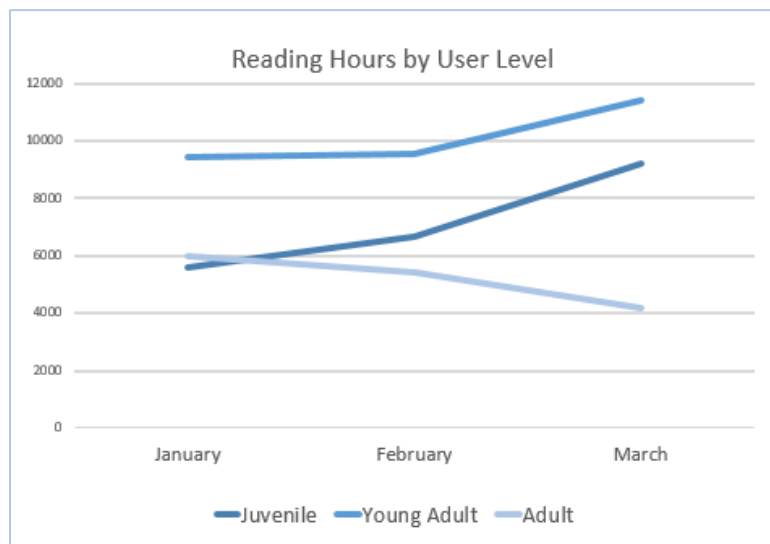
Students logged in as Young Adult (grades 6-8) spend more time reading. There was an increase in reading hours from Jan-Feb within Juvenile students (K-5) and a decrease in Adult readers (9-12).

Top Subject by Checkout

- Juvenile Fiction
- Juvenile Literature
- Comic and Graphic Books
- Humor (Fiction)
- Juvenile Nonfiction
- Young Adult Fiction
- Fantasy
- Picture Book Fiction
- Biography & Autobiography
- Young Adult Literature
- Sociology
- Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- History
- Science
- Nature
- Mystery
- Classic Literature
- Science Fiction
- Beginning Reader
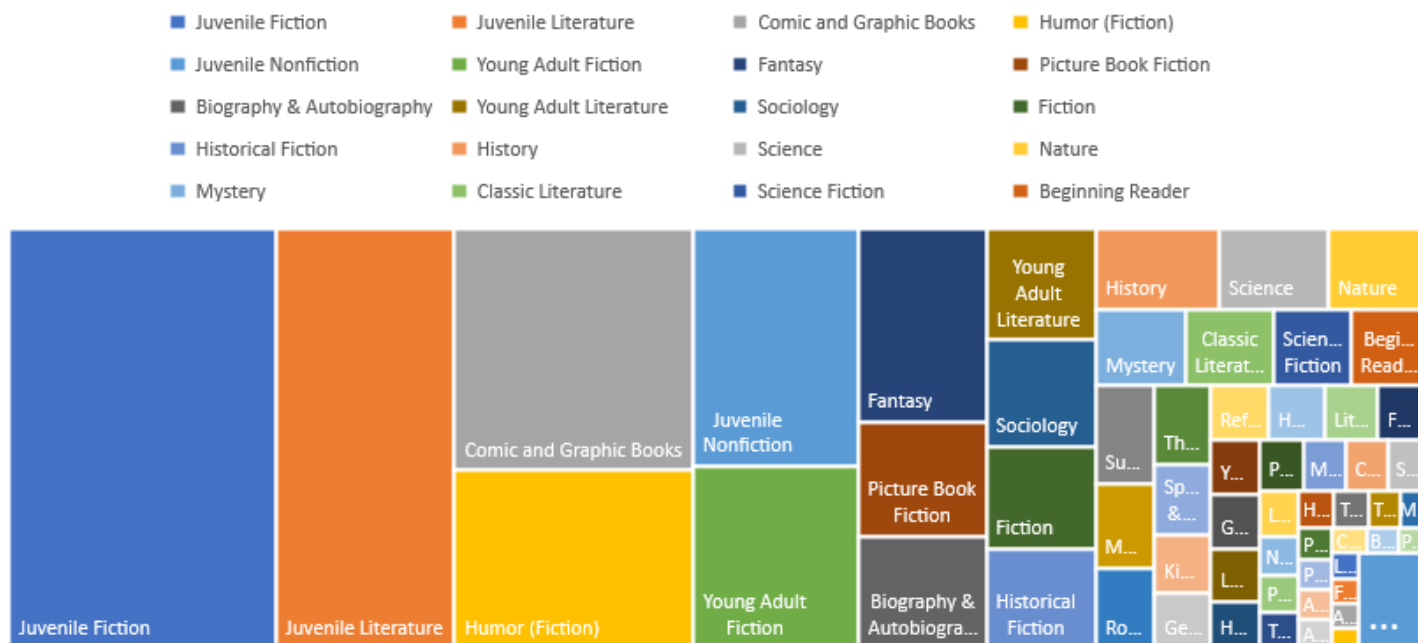
The above chart shows our checkout activity by subject. The larger the box the higher the circulation. Juvenile fiction is our favorite subject area, followed by Juvenile Literature, Comic & Graphics, Humor, Juvenile Nonfiction, and Young Adult Fiction

Top 10 titles by Checkout January 1 – March 31, 2022

Top 10 titles (by checkouts)

Total checkouts **8,419**

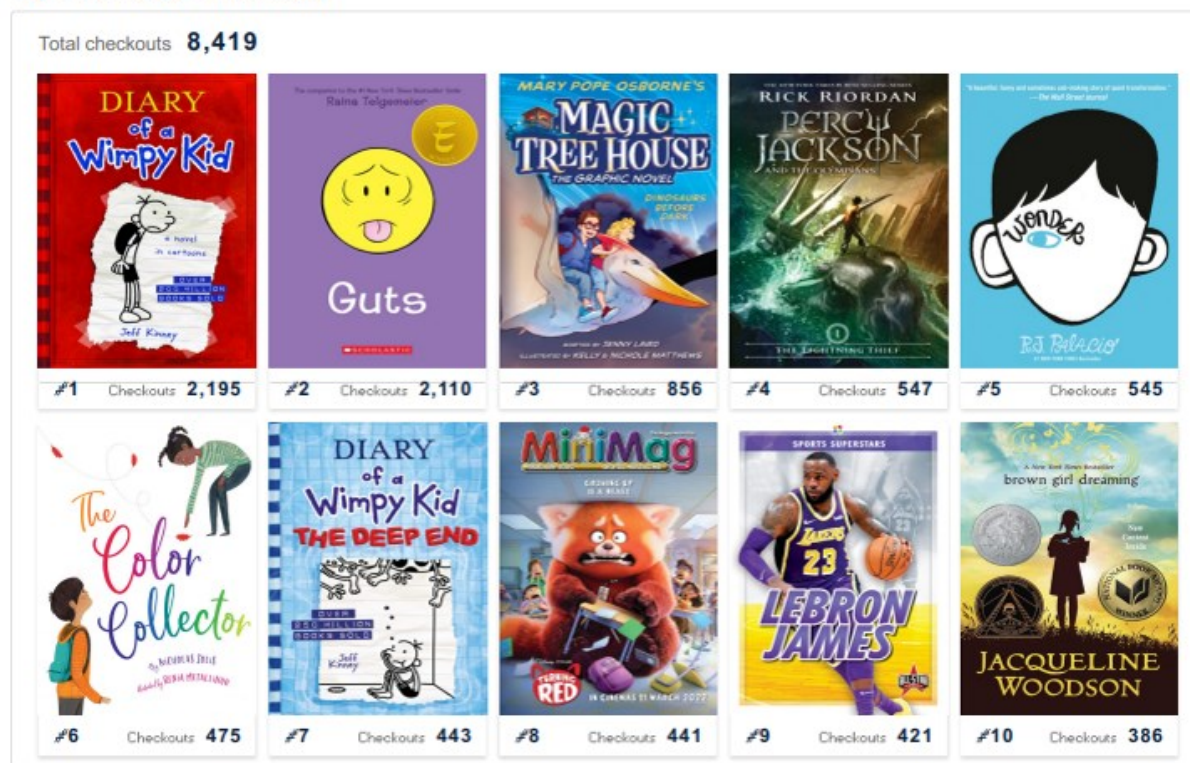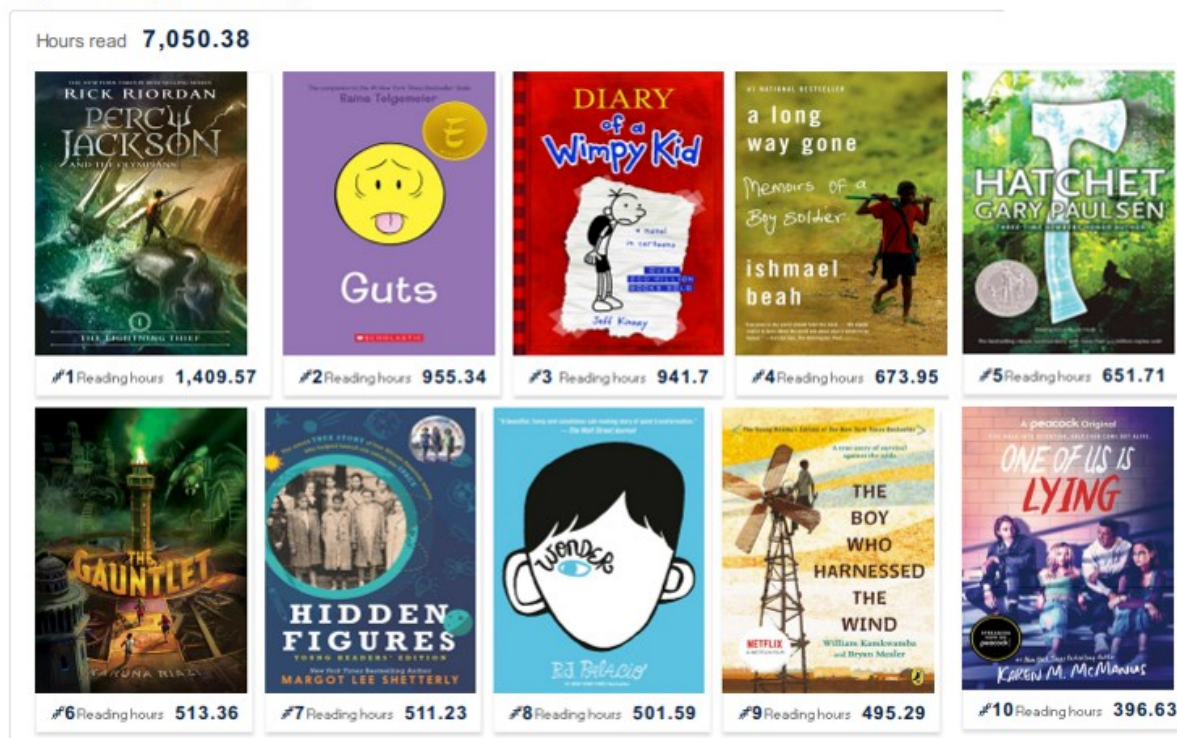|		
#1 Checkouts **2,195** — Diary of a Wimpy Kid	#2 Checkouts **2,110** — Guts	#3 Checkouts **856** — Magic Tree House: The Graphic Novel
#4 Checkouts **547** — Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	#5 Checkouts **545** — Wonder	
#6 Checkouts **475** — The Color Collector	#7 Checkouts **443** — Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End	#8 Checkouts **441** — MiniMag
#9 Checkouts **421** — LeBron James	#10 Checkouts **386** — brown girl dreaming	

Top 10 Titles by Read Time January 1 -March 31, 2022

Top 10 titles (by time read)

Hours read **7,050.38**

#1 Reading hours **1,409.57** — Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	#2 Reading hours **955.34** — Guts	#3 Reading hours **941.7** — Diary of a Wimpy Kid
#4 Reading hours **673.95** — A Long Way Gone	#5 Reading hours **651.71** — Hatchet	
#6 Reading hours **513.36** — The Gauntlet	#7 Reading hours **511.23** — Hidden Figures	#8 Reading hours **501.59** — Wonder
#9 Reading hours **495.29** — The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	#10 Reading hours **396.63** — One of Us Is Lying	

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Getting Started with Sora – A DIY learning module for Educators!

We know how hard it is to attend scheduled events. This DIY learning module was created just for educators in Delaware. Walk through this self-paced module and gain a basic understanding of Sora and how you can promote books in your district or classroom.

Start the Module

The module includes:

- Getting Started & Welcome
- Learning to use Sora
- Sora in the Classroom

Here are some other On-Demand Webinars you may have missed.

- Sora Connections: Beyond Ebooks & Audiobooks (March 2022)
- Sora Connections: Vocabulary Strategies (January 2022)
- Level Up with Sora for Your Classrooms and Curriculum (August 2021)

Use social media to engage more students

Link social media graphics to the digital collection: https://soraapp.com/library/deschools. Promote using the unique QR code:

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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