



# Sora

The student reading app

## Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

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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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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/>

### Reminder from CCN meeting 4/13/2022

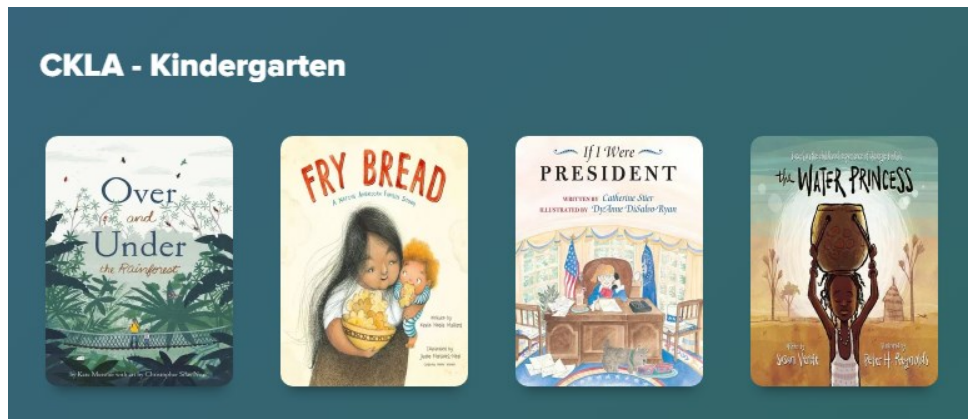
We enjoyed presenting at the CCN meeting last month. In case you missed it, here is the [outlined agenda](#) and links to what was covered.

- Quick Look at numbers
- New Curations in Sora
- DEAL Personalized Website, Monthly Newsletters, Request a title, Summer Reading Survey



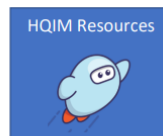
## New Curated Lists and HQIM Expansions

As Sora becomes more integrated into Delaware schools and our relationships grow so does our knowledge of the HQIM adoption across counties and districts. We are constantly working to understand the needs of educators and are responding. Current HQIM lists are expanding with additional titles and new curated curriculum lists are being created.



We've added Core Knowledge, and added additional titles to Springboard, Wit & Wisdom, ReadyGen, Perspectives, Bookworms and more!

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.



- [HB198 Special Curations](#)
- [Elementary Tradebook Links](#)
- [Middle School Tradebook Links](#)
- [High School Tradebook Links](#)

### HB198

- 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>

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

## Sora Tips and Tricks: Tips for Summer Reading

Sora is available all summer long, as the digital library never closes! Here are some tips to make sure your students are ready to take their reading with them:



There is an APP for that!

Have students download the Sora app to their personal and home devices.

Inform Parents! Send a notice home using our [parental outreach guides here](#).



Add Delaware Libraries to SORA!

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.

Learn More about Delaware Libraries [“Oceans of Possibilities”](#) Summer Reading Program. Sign up to participate: <https://lib.de.us/signup/>

### Steps to add Delaware Libraries in Sora:

- Under your profile, select **+Add library** and enter **Delaware Libraries**
- Click **Borrow** or **Place hold** on any title to be prompted to sign-in to the public library
- Select your **school district** from the dropdown and login with your **school credentials**.



Take advantage of OverDrive’s summer reading resources:

[Sora Sweet Reads](#)- our annual summer reading program starts May 4<sup>th</sup> and runs all summer through August 17<sup>th</sup>! The Sora Sweet Reads site has great promotional materials such as graphics and print ready materials. Our friends at

[TeachingBooks](#) have teamed up with us this year to provide supplemental materials for each of the summer titles! Be sure to include these resources and titles into your summer reading program! Find resources [here](#).



Here is a great [Summer BINGO card challenge](#) for you to use!

## AudioSync:

There is still time to register for 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.

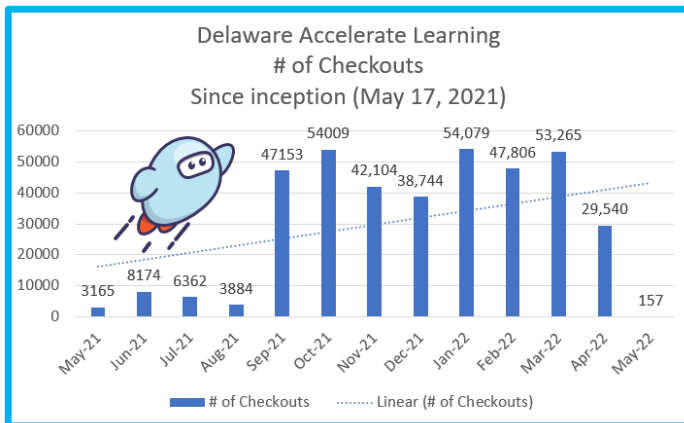
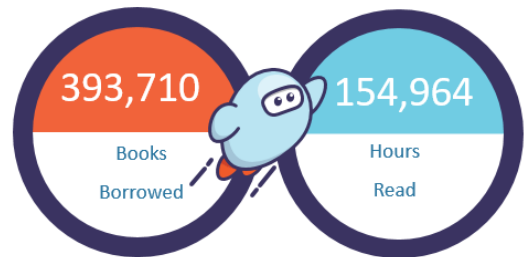
To participate, you can sign up at

<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 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. You can register [here](#) to attend live or receive the recording.



## Data deep dive: who's reading & top 10

As we close a year of access to Sora, we have a lot to be proud about. We have seen over **393,710 books borrowed** and over **154,964 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](#).



### Let's look at 2022 data!

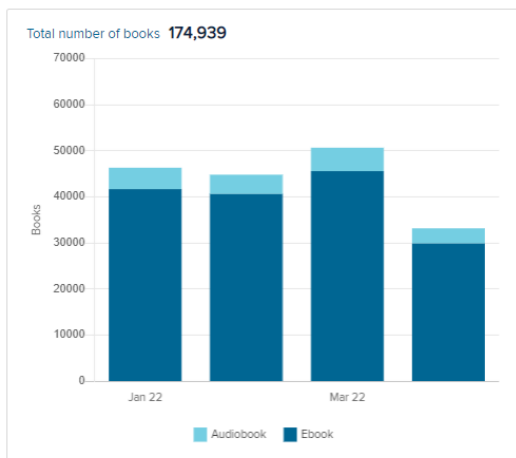
Data since January 1, 2022

- 167,597 checkouts
- 83,721 hours read

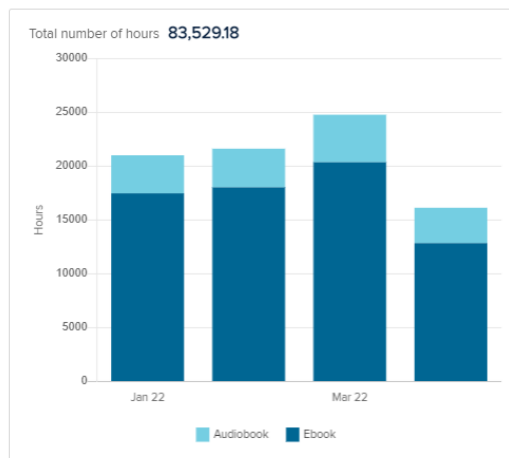
April 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022

- 29,540 checkouts!
- 16,124 hours read!

Total books opened



Total time read



*Books opened shows how engaged students are with what they are reading. 167,597 checkouts but some books opened more than once*

Row Labels	Sum of All checkouts	Count of Title
Arabic	42	74
Catalan; Valencian	2	1
Chinese	469	611
Chinese, English	200	62
English, Spanish; Castilian	475	37
French	18	7
German	122	58
Spanish; Castilian	4887	812
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6215</b>	<b>1662</b>



*Zootopia, La Novela audiobook is the most checked-out*

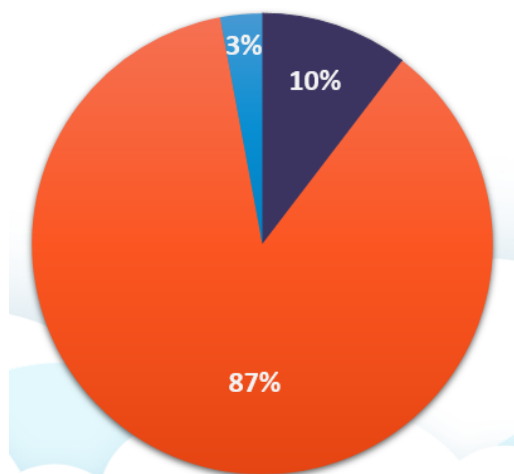
## Our **Top 10 Readers** for the month of April came from the following districts

Branch	Books opened	Time read
Caesar Rodney School District-Major George S. Welch Elementary School	7	231:44:00
Brandywine School District-Claymont Elementary School	27	197:52:00
Christina School District-Gallaher Elementary School	18	108:34:00
Sussex Technical High School	17	91:53:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District-Linden Hill Elementary School	27	86:56:00
Capital School District-Central Middle School	21	73:23:00
Colonial School District-Gunning Bedford Middle School	10	58:18:00
Brandywine School District-Talley Middle School	28	58:08:00
Indian River School District-Selbyville Middle School	58	57:07:00

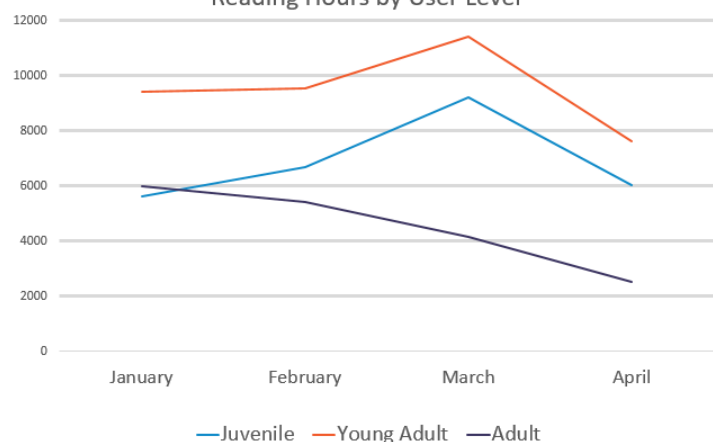
*This chart shows the top 10 students who read the most in April. (Student names left off)*

### Favorite Formats

■ Audiobook ■ Ebook ■ Magazine



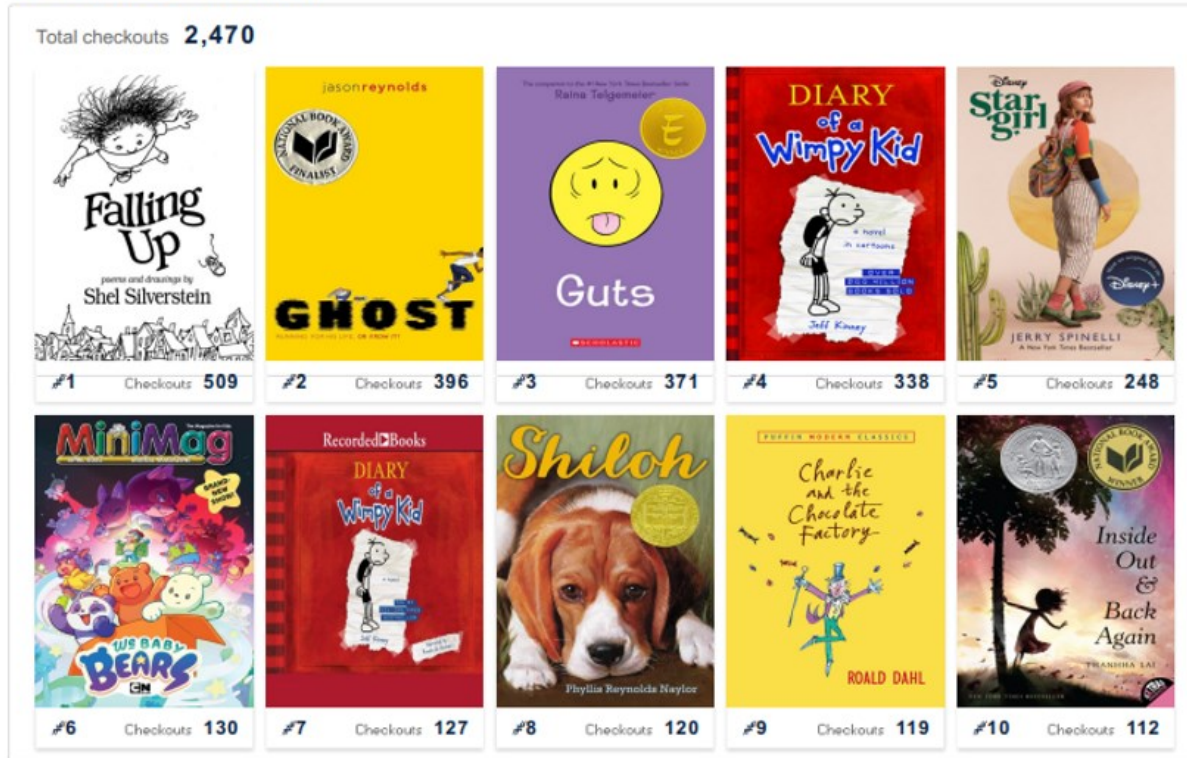
### Reading Hours by User Level



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

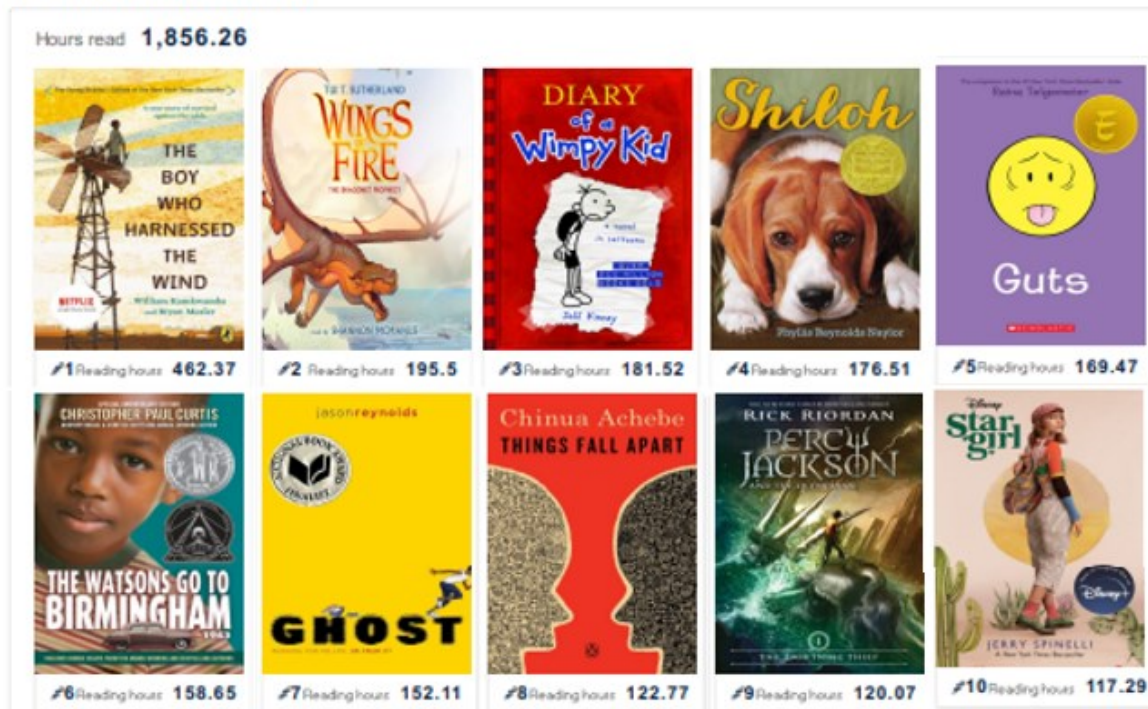
## Top 10 Titles by Checkout – April 1 – April 30, 2022

### Top 10 titles (by checkouts)



## Top 10 Titles by Read Time April 1 – April 30, 2022

### Top 10 titles (by time read)



## Sora Connections: Making the Most of Your School Breaks

Join our Training Team for this [live session](#) **Thursday, May 26 at 3:00 PM EST**. This Sora Connections session is intended for educators with a basic understanding of Sora who want to:

- Explore how Sora and other no-cost resources can support students 24/7
- Increase student equity, access, and engagement with Sora- even when school isn't in session!
- Ensure their school is set up for success with Sora before students leave the building

Join us live to ask questions of our K-12 experts and walk away ready to promote your digital library as a year-round tool for learning and enrichment.

All attendees will receive a comprehensive resource packet to review, explore, and promote Sora on their own time and at their own pace.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Note:** Times shown in Eastern Standard.

Here are some other “notable” 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:



A promotional graphic for Sora Sweet Reads. It features a purple background with a circular logo at the top center that says "Sora SWEET READS" with a pink swirl and a green leaf. Below the logo, the text "ALWAYS AVAILABLE EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, there are several book covers displayed on a tablet and smartphone, including "FAT", "THE NEW GIRL", "IRONHEART", "FRANK LACE", and "ONE FOR THE BOOKS". At the bottom, it says "MAY 4 - AUGUST 17" and "Sora The student reading app". A QR code is in the top right corner, and the URL <https://soraapp.com/library/deschools> is at the bottom.

A promotional graphic for the Sora app. It features a dark background with the text "Remember their stories." at the top. Below, there are three book covers: "THE WALL" by Eve Ruess, "The Poppy Lady" by Helen Hunt Jackson, and "AMERICA'S WHITE TABLE" by Margie Thomas. A smartphone in the center displays the Sora app interface. At the bottom, it says "soraapp.com/library/deschools", "Sora The student reading app", and a QR code.



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

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

Thanks for reading!

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