



Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

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

Have FUN this Summer in Sora!

We have some fun ready to use promotional items to keep your students engaged with reading all summer long!

- Use the [Sora Scavenger Hunt](#) to introduce Sora to your students or try the [Sora Coloring Sheet](#)!
- Promote Summer reading with:
 - [Summer BINGO card](#)
 - [2022 Professional Book Nerds Reading Challenge](#),
 - [Sora Sweet Reads Reading Challenge](#),
 - [Diversity Challenge](#).



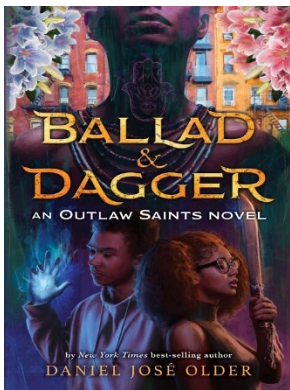
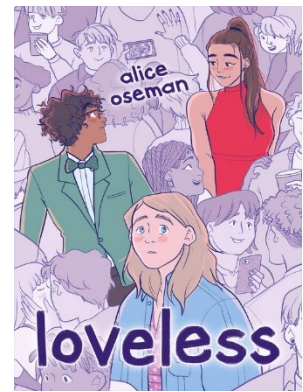
Great Reads for your Summer TBR!

Lots of us have “To-Be-Read” lists that seem to go on forever but occasionally, there are books so special they deserve to skip to head of the line! Here are a few of my nominees:



Witchling by Claribel A. Ortega The Black Moon ceremony is when young witchlings are matched with a coven where they will come into their powerful adult witch magic. Seven can envision herself and her best friend together in a powerful coven but that isn't what comes to pass. Seven is a Spare, a witchling without a coven is on the lowest rung possible. On her journey from witchling to full-fledged witch, Seven and her fellow Spares have a daunting path ahead of them and being assigned an 'impossible task' is just one step. Perfect for Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, and The School for Good and Evil fans and fun for all ages!

Loveless by Alice Oseman Heartstopper is a hit on Netflix and the graphic novels are flying off the shelves, but Alice Oseman's other works are just as powerful. Georgia is beginning her first year at uni and she has the misfortune of being the rare student at a British university saddled with a roommate. On the bright side, her roommate Rooney is smart, charming, and sexually liberated. Their opposites-attract friendship leads them both to acknowledge uncomfortable truths about themselves. While her friends are dating, falling in love, and exploring their sexualities, Georgia just isn't. What is wrong with her, why is this thing that has occupied even the minds of titans like Shakespeare so lost to her? Will she be forever Loveless? Loveless's heartfelt representation of asexuality is as engrossing as it is enlightening. Difficult conversations about sex and sexuality make this a pick for high schoolers and up.



Ballad & Dagger: An Outlaw Saints Novel by Daniel Jose Older, Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents Daniel José Older's music-and-magic-filled YA urban fantasy about two teens who discover each other and their powers during a political battle within a unique diaspora community.

Almost sixteen years ago, Mateo Matisse's island homeland disappeared into the sea. Weary and hopeless, the survivors of San Madrigal's sinking escaped to New York. But the evil that sank their island has finally caught up with them, and on the night of a celebration, Mateo's life is forever changed when he witnesses a brutal murder by a person, he thought he knew. Suddenly Mateo is thrust into an ancient battle that spans years and oceans. Deadly secrets are unraveled, and Mateo awakens a power within himself—a power that not only links him to the killer but could also hold the key to unlocking the dark mystery behind his lost homeland. Murder and intrigue make this a pick for older middle schoolers and up.

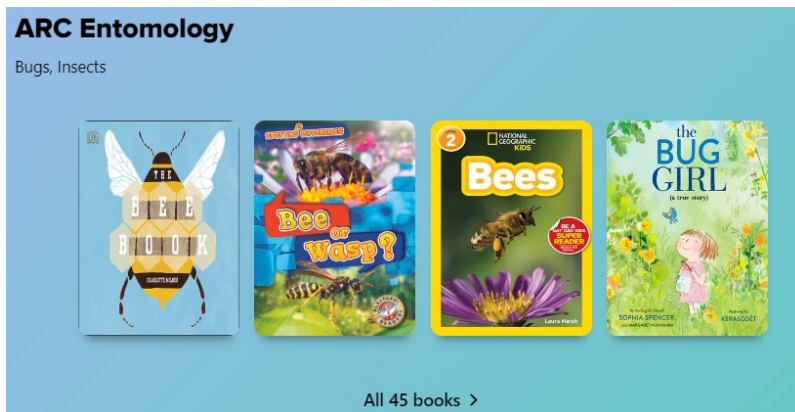
New Curated Lists and HQIM Expansions

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.

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






Sora Tips and Tricks: Take Sora Offline for Summer Reading!

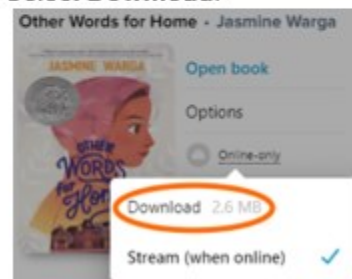
Students can take their ebooks and audiobooks offline with Sora! The download feature in Sora is a great way to help your students and families prepare for summer reading as well as have access to great books all summer long, wherever they go! They can borrow titles wherever they have access to WiFi and once downloaded to their device, they can read or listen offline at home, in the car, or in airplane mode on vacation!

How to download a book

You can download books in the Sora app or a [compatible web browser](#). By default, most books [automatically download](#) so you can read or listen offline.

Downloaded books have a  on your **Shelf**. If a book didn't download automatically, you can download it with these steps:

1. Go to  Shelf
2. Select **Loans**.
3. Click or tap .
4. Select **Download**.



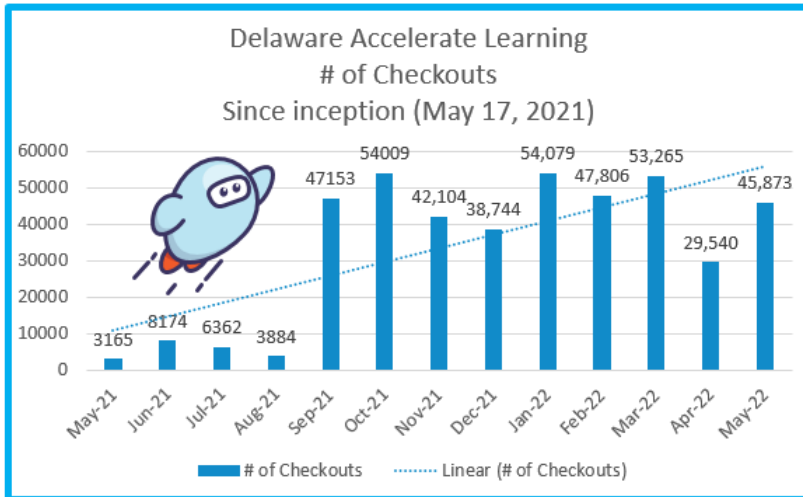
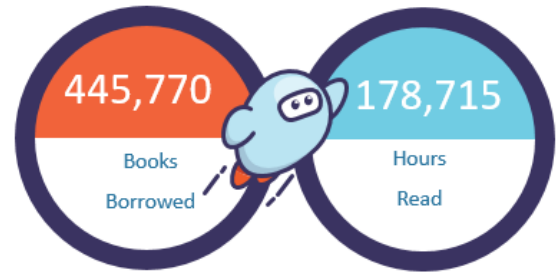
Pro Tip:

#1 You can also check out this [how-to video](#) to walk through the steps and different settings that are offered within Sora!

#2 Encourage parents to download Sora on personal devices.

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 **445,770 books borrowed** and over **178,715 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!

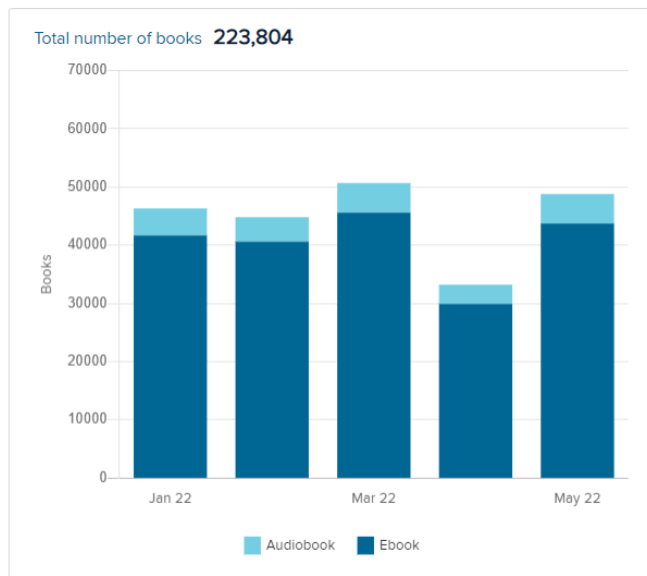
Data since January 1, 2022

- 213,385 checkouts
- 107,473 hours read

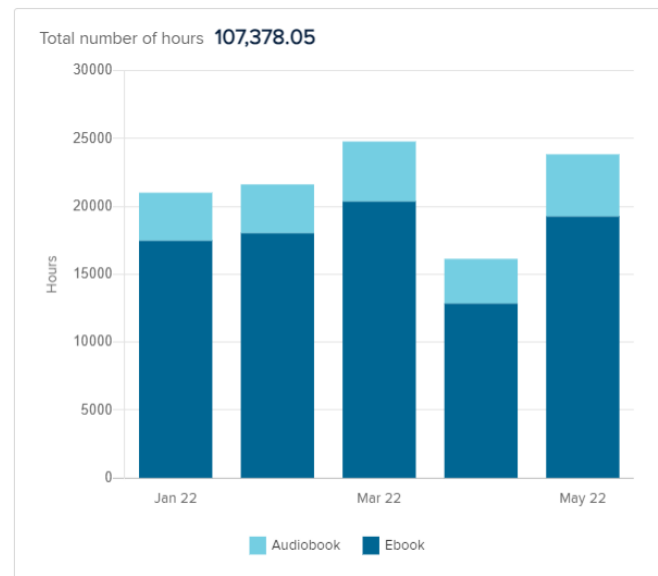
May 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022

- 45,873 checkouts!
- 23,837 hours read!

Total books opened



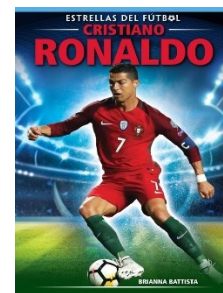
Total time read



Books opened shows how engaged students are with what they are reading. 213,385 checkouts but some books opened more than once

Row Labels	Sum of All checkouts	Count of TitleID
Arabic	71	74
Catalan; Valencian	2	1
Chinese	529	611
Chinese, English	283	62
English, Spanish; Castilian	525	45
French	23	7
German	143	58
Spanish; Castilian	5460	822
Grand Total	7036	1680

Our Bi-Lingual collection is growing. Here are the latest counts & circulation history.



Cristiano Ronaldo is the most checked-out

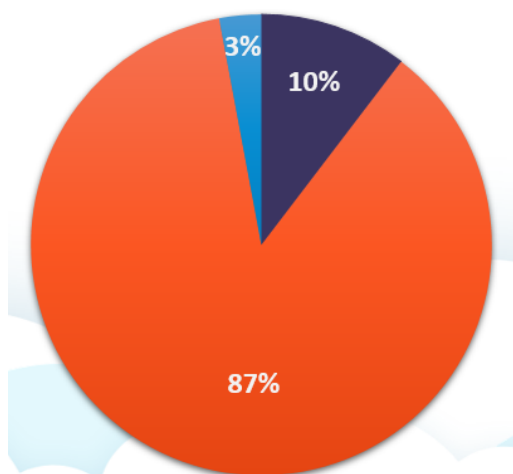
Top 10 Readers YEAR 1

5/17/2021 – 5/31/2022

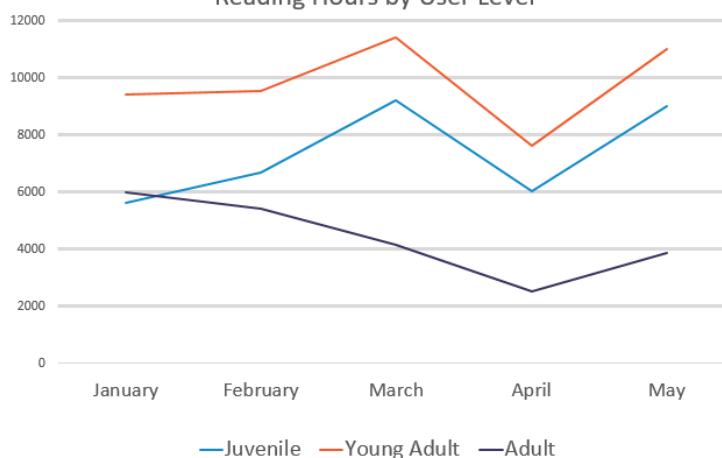
District	School	Books opened	Time read
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	160	752:56:00
Christina School District	Gallaher Elementary School	80	747:02:00
Brandywine School District	Claymont Elementary School	131	699:31:00
Caesar Rodney School District	Major George S. Welch Elementary School	40	660:09:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Linden Hill Elementary School	184	572:47:00
Capital School District	Central Middle School	59	494:34:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Conrad Schools Of Science	117	410:55:00
Brandywine School District	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School	240	389:58:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	144	378:36:00
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Newark Charter School	McIntire Campus Students	139	349:24:00

Favorite Formats

■ Audiobook ■ Ebook ■ Magazine



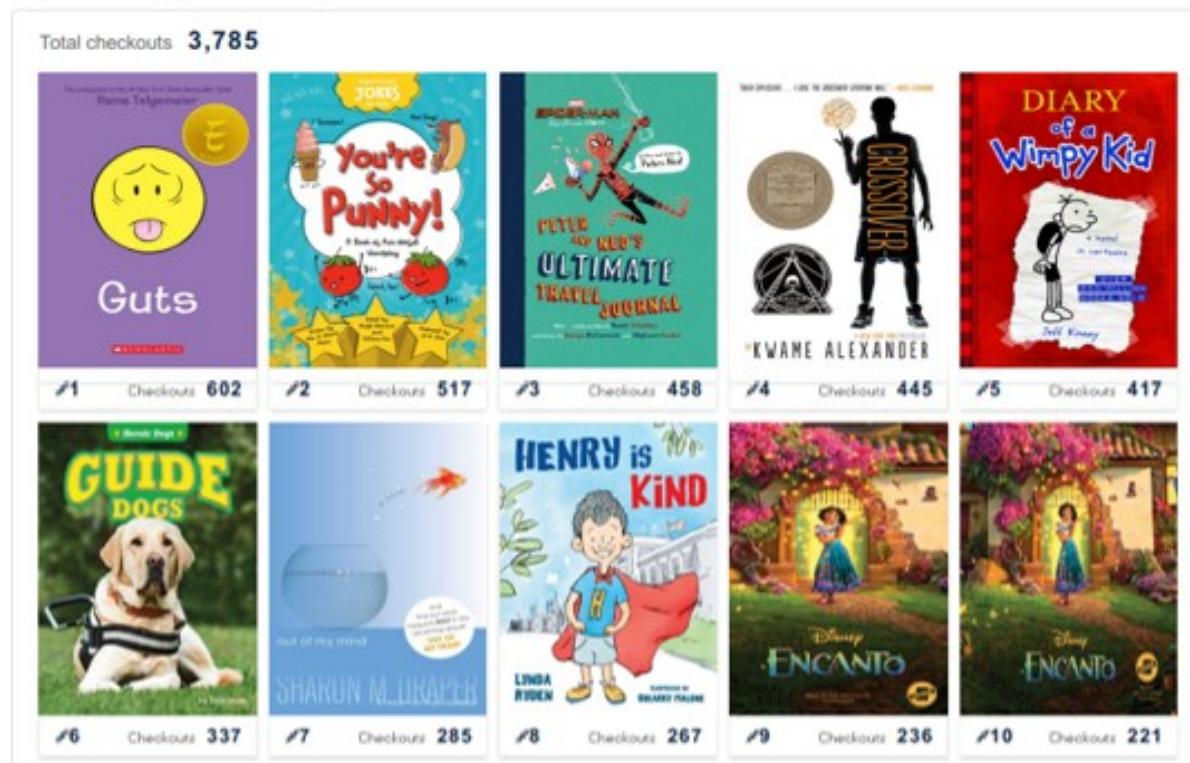
Reading Hours by User Level



Students logged in as Young Adult (grades 6-8) spend more time reading.

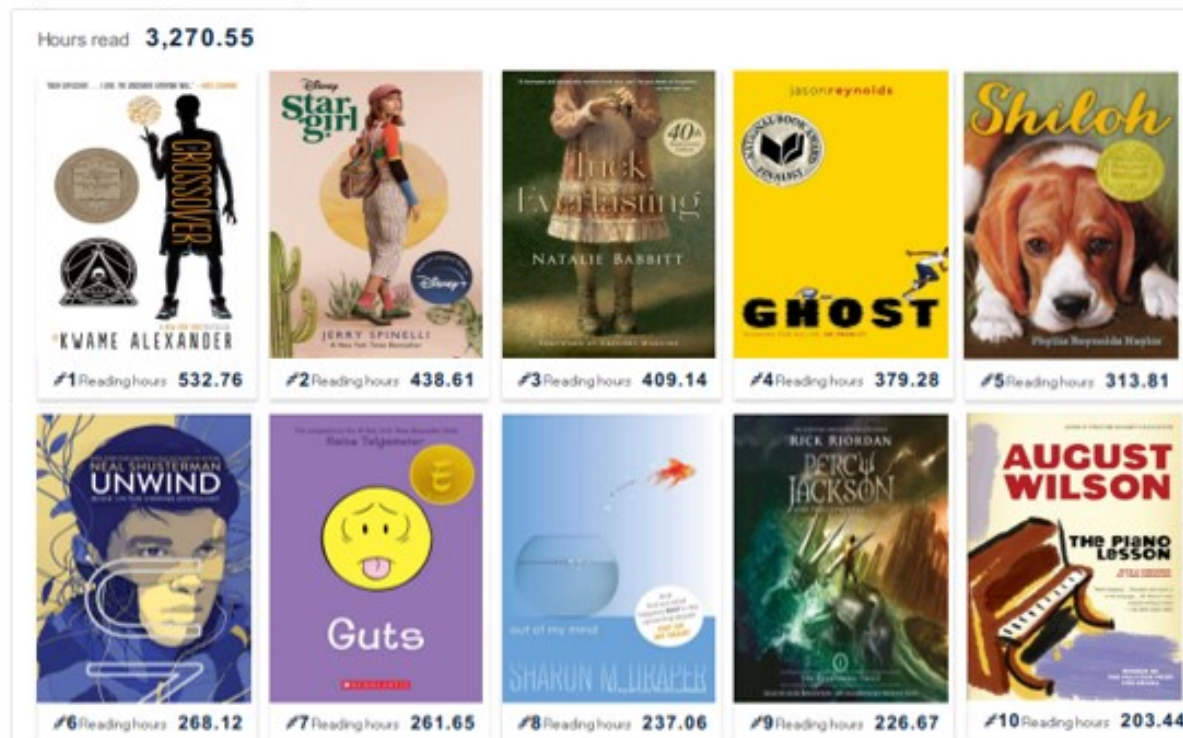
Top 10 Titles by Checkout – May 1 – May 31, 2022

Top 10 titles (by checkouts)



Top 10 Titles by Read Time May 1 – May 31, 2022

Top 10 titles (by time read)



Sora & Marketplace Professional Development Days

Do you have summer and fall PD days scheduled? Your Sora team would love to present Sora and/or Marketplace to your team. Please send your professional development days and times to [Jody Brookshire](#) and [Victoria Teresko](#) or feel free to book directing via our calendar links.



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[Victoria Teresko](#)

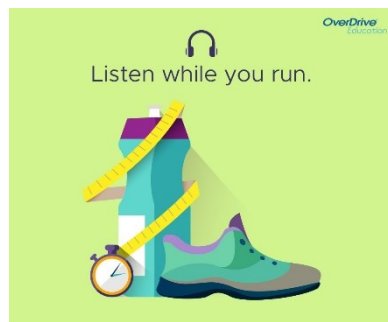


Here are some other “notable” On-Demand Webinars you may have missed.

- [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.



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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