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/

Introducing Sora to PK-3 students.
While we love, live and breathe the Sora student reading app and believe it's the best reading solution for all ages, we also know there can be a barrier to understanding when working with our youngest students to operate a new app. With that in mind, we've designed our newest educator resource: the Sora for PK-3 readers Training Kit. This kit contains an array of tools and materials that educators can use to help their students recognize and use Sora in the classroom—virtual or physical.
Have FUN this Summer in Sora!
We have some fun ready to use promotional items to keep your students engage 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.

Meet your new Sora, by OverDrive Team Members!
Our OverDrive Education Team is growing to ensure we are providing the best possible support, response times and partnership to you and your school. As such, I'm excited to introduce you to your new support team.

Jody Brookshire - Jody is a dedicated e-learning and digital content Educational Account Executive with more than 25 years in the industry. Her background includes supporting districts with digital content, 21st Century technology initiatives, STEM & Robotics, and implementation of classroom management software.

Victoria Darnell (name change & soon to be 1st time mom) - Victoria is the Account Manager for schools in District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and New Jersey. Her focus is to actively engage students in learning, promote student independence, and highlight community talent.

Cara Leach (New Team Member, 7/5) - Cara has been with OverDrive since August 2020. She received her Bachelors in Early Childhood Education from Bowling Green State University and her Reading Endorsement from Ohio University. As a former educator and avid reader, Cara understands the value and importance reading plays in students’ lives daily.

Sarah Wilsman (New Team Member, 7/1) - Reading is Sarah’s only hobby. She has her BA in English from Kenyon College and her MLIS from Kent State University. Before coming to OverDrive Sarah managed Youth Services Departments in public libraries where her favorite part of the job was collection development. As a digital librarian for Delaware, she loves connecting students with great books.
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 464,949 books borrowed and over 187,979 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.

Let’s look at 2022 data!
Data since January 1, 2022
- 230,563 checkouts
- 116,737 hours read

June 1 – June 27, 2022
- 19,241 checkouts!
- 9,378 hours read!

Books opened shows how engaged students are with what they are reading. 230,563 checkouts but some books opened more than once
Top Readers since inception – May 17, 2022 – June 27, 2022

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800 Hours Club
2 students

700 Hours Club
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600 Hours Club
1 Students

500 Hours Club
1 Students

400 Hours Club
4 Students

Top 10 Readers for June
June 1 – June 27, 2022

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Top 10 Titles by Checkout – June 1 – June 27, 2022
Top 10 titles (by checkouts)

Total checkouts 1,590

1. Guts - Checkouts 262
2. MONSTER - Checkouts 243
3. You're So Punny! - Checkouts 238
4. GUIDE DOGS - Checkouts 157
5. Flyer and Leo's Ultimate Travel Journal - Checkouts 139
6. One for the Books - Checkouts 123
7. The Wolf in Underpants - Checkouts 109
8. Dumplings for Lili - Checkouts 109
9. The Clumsy Ghost - Checkouts 107
10. Guts - Checkouts 103

Top 10 Titles by Read Time June 1 – June 27, 2022
Top 10 titles (by time read)

Hours read 1,804.91

1. MONSTER - Reading hours 514.3
2. UNWIND - Reading hours 465.68
3. WINGS OF FIRE - Reading hours 156.09
4. Guts - Reading hours 129.47
5. The World - Reading hours 120.32
6. STAR GIRL - Reading hours 96.95
7. One of Us Is Lying - Reading hours 95.52
8. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - Reading hours 91.91
9. Wings of Fire - Reading hours 70.43
10. Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Reading hours 63.64
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Do you have fall PD days scheduled? Your Sora team would love to present Sora and/or Marketplace Reporting to your team. Please send your professional development days and times to Jody Brookshire or feel free to book directly via my calendar link.

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!
Your Sora Team: Jody, Victoria, Sarah & Cara