

# Welcome to OverDrive's Session!



Before we get started, please take a moment to complete our survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6320196/2021-ISTE-9>

One lucky attendee will be selected to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet at the end of our session!



# Student Voice & Choice

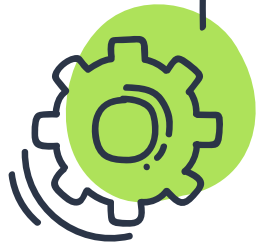


With Sora eBooks and Audiobooks

# Why student VOICe & Choice?

X Broad, Relevant Selection → Reading Motivation

X Choice → Reading Motivation





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at Denver Public Schools.

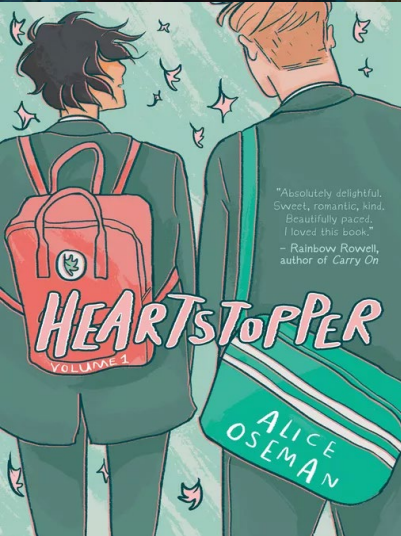
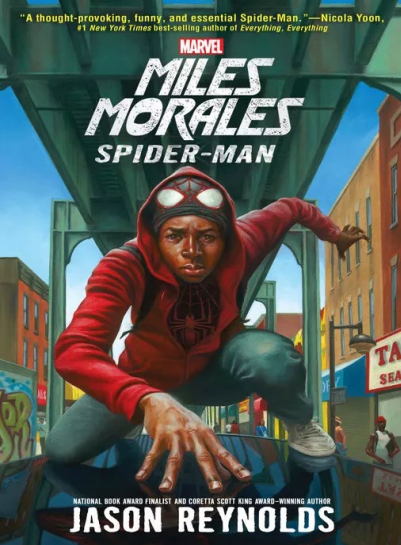
I **LOVE** working directly with students and teachers!



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# Student Selection

“engaging, diverse, and relevant digital texts”

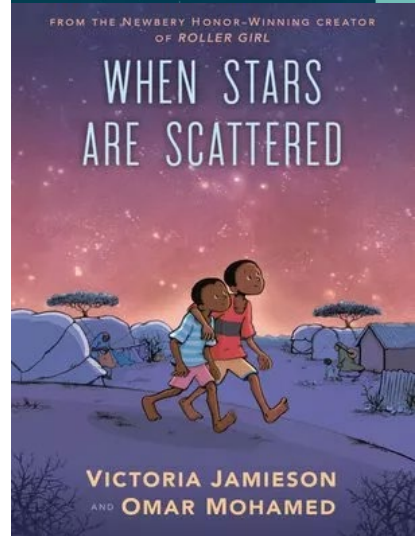
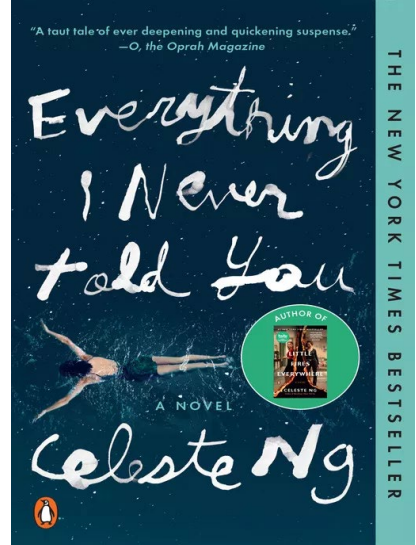


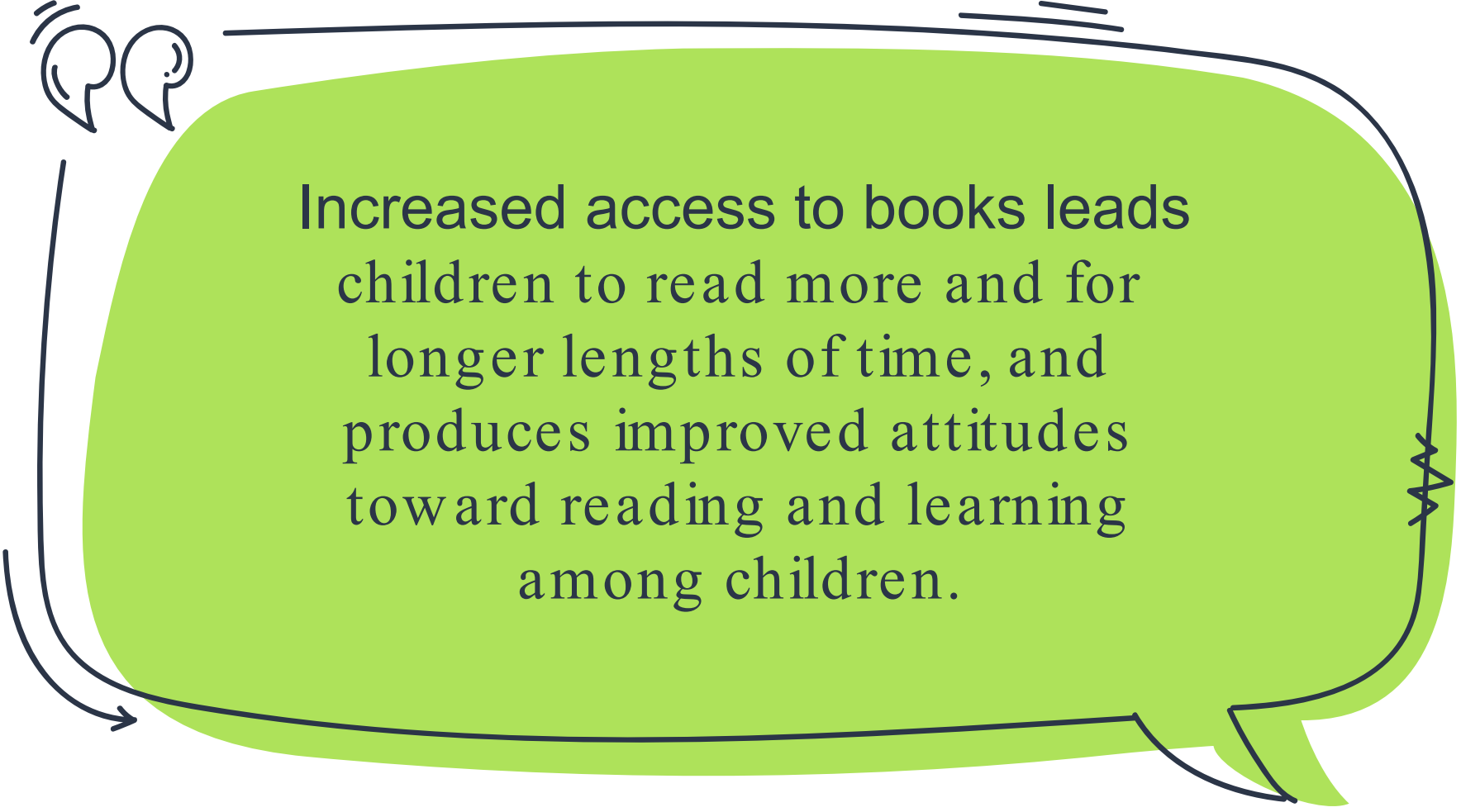
# Mirrors, Windows

Curated collections based  
on culture, community.

Popular reads.

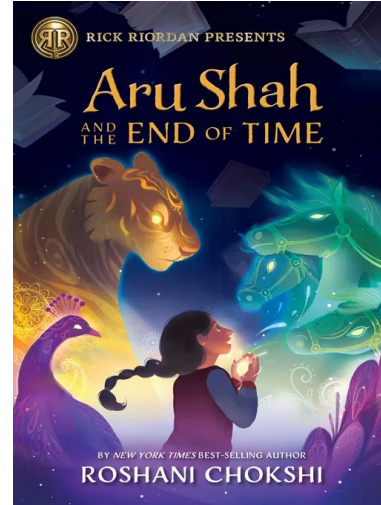
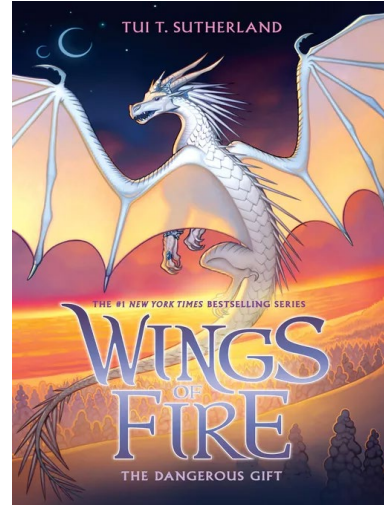
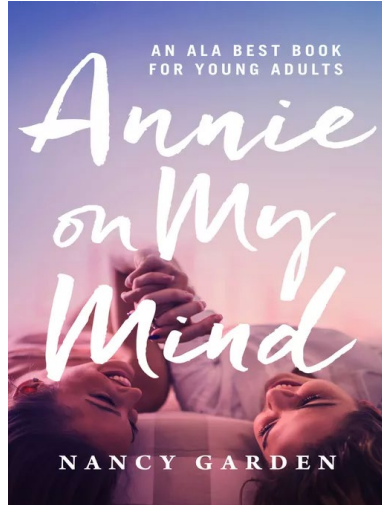
Curriculum.





Increased access to books leads  
children to read more and for  
longer lengths of time, and  
produces improved attitudes  
toward reading and learning  
among children.

# Students Know Students







**600+**

Requests in 7 months

**30%**

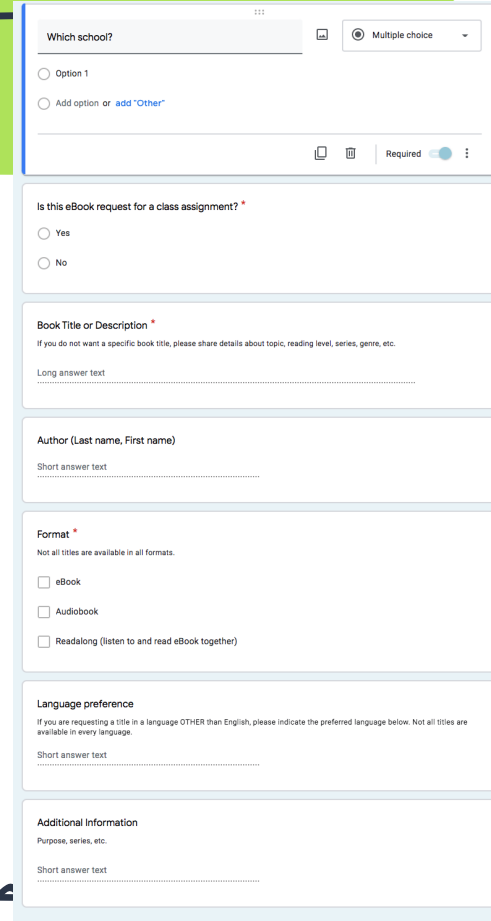
Portion of budget allocated to requests & holds

**35 books/student**

Highest Circulations/User over 7 months

# How we did it

- X Created a google form
- X Ordered twice a week



Which school? Multiple choice

☐ Option 1

☐ Add option or [add "Other"](#)

☐ Required

Is this eBook request for a class assignment? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Book Title or Description \*

If you do not want a specific book title, please share details about topic, reading level, series, genre, etc.

Long answer text

Author (Last name, First name)

Short answer text

Format \*

Not all titles are available in all formats.

☐ eBook

☐ Audiobook

☐ Readalong (listen to and read eBook together)

Language preference

If you are requesting a title in a language OTHER than English, please indicate the preferred language below. Not all titles are available in every language.

Short answer text

Additional Information

Purpose, series, etc.

Short answer text

# Marketing

Included link in all training sessions and materials with students AND staff:

Slides  
Sessions  
Screencasts



**Student Voice**

Can't find a book? Fill out a request!

<http://yourbitlyhere>

# Marketing

- X During instructional sessions with students shared examples of titles chosen by students.
- X Prompted students to share in chat and google form titles they would recommend but don't see.



# Marketing

Emailed digital newsletters to staff and students.

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## Pioneer Library Newsletter

eBooks - Spring 2021 for Students

### Awesome eBooks & Audiobooks for YOU

Did you know that Ann Arbor Public Schools has an amazing eBook and digital audiobook collection that is free and available to you 24/7?

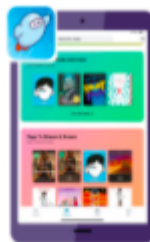
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Don't see a book you want to read or listen to? Fill out [this google form](#) and we'll try to purchase it within a week.

# Marketing

Posted flyers in hallways & bathrooms with QR code.

Did you know all AAPS students have access **12 months a year** to a **FREE app** with **thousands of popular ebooks and audiobooks** called **Sora**?



- High school students have access to books for K-12th grade.
- Read or listen to any book on any device in the url OR
- Download the FREE app onto a personal phone or tablet.
- Books in English, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Arabic & Japanese
- eBooks and audiobooks automatically download for offline use.
- Digital dictionary and annotation tools.
- With one click create lists of books to read or recommend.
- Earn badges by reading books and using features.
- Connect to the public library's collection for even more books!



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Don't see a book or audiobook you want available? Request one at <https://bit.ly/sorastudentrequest>



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**Questions?** Ask your librarians, Ms. Hughes & Dr. Powell  
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**Responsiveness**  
**Ordered twice a week.**  
**Emailed Requestors.**

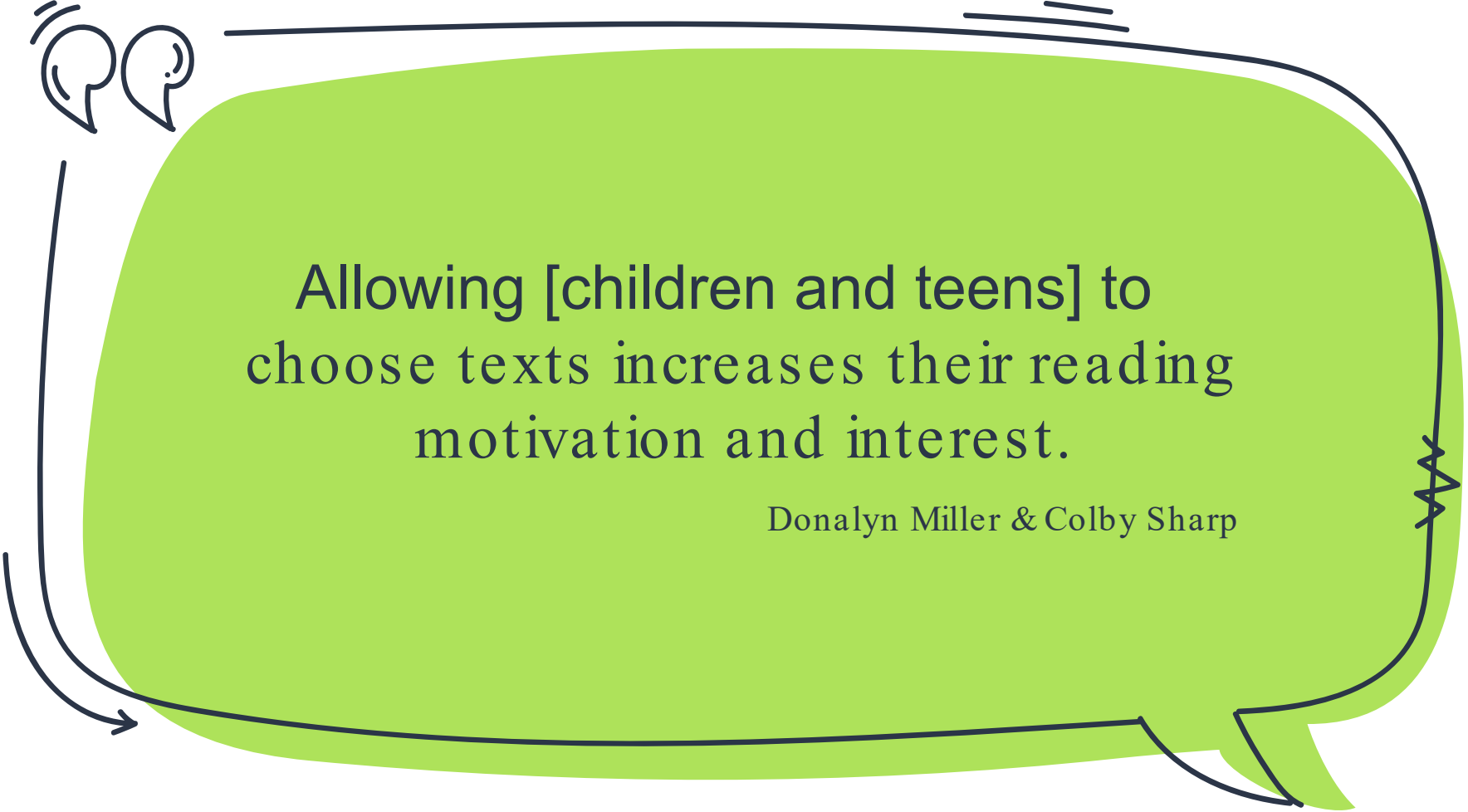


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# STUDent CHOICE

“builds agency and confidence, and [students] are more likely to develop a positive orientation toward reading and stronger reading ability”.





Allowing [children and teens] to  
choose texts increases their reading  
motivation and interest.

Donalyn Miller & Colby Sharp

# Partnership with district english coordinator

## Middle School Independent Reading Unit

Teachers collaborated to develop and offer independent reading units.

X 92 titles

X Variety of Genres:

Fantasy, Graphic Novels,

Historical, LGBTQTIA+,

Mystery, Nonfiction,

Realistic, Science

Fiction/Dystopia & Sports



# Partnership with district english coordinator

## High School Literature Circles

Budget to encourage literature circles where students:

- X weighed in on selection pool,
- X chose which book to read and/or
- X chose their own book.



# The how

## X Google choice forms with “booktalking” info



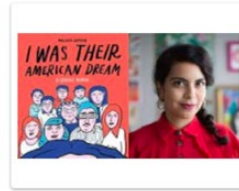
☐ Dare to Disappoint (200 pages): Ozge's humorous and touching memoir of growing up on the Turkish Aegean Coast, imagining a life of adventure while her parents and society demanded predictability. She tried to hear her own voice over her father's and the religious and militaristic tensions of Turkey and the conflicts between secularism and fundamentalism. Would it be possible to please everyone including herself?



☐ Persepolis (153 pages): Marjane Satrapi's memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, the war with Iraq and her life in Austria afterwards. Wise, funny, heartbreaking, its a story about growing up and a reminder of the human cost of war and political repression. It shows how we carry on, with laughter and tears, in the face of absurdity.



☐ Jerusalem (320 pages): Thoughtful moving travelogue by French author DeLisle, that examines the impact of the political conflicts in Jerusalem on the lives of people on both sides of the wall while drolly recounting the everyday life: checkpoints, traffic jams, and holidays, from the point of



I Was Their American Dream (160 pages): A coming-of-age story and a reminder of the thousands of immigrants who come to America in search for a better life for themselves and their children. The daughter of parents with unfulfilled dreams themselves, Malaka

# The how

- X Teacher & Librarian TLN
- X Library Journal's diversity indicators
- X Student focus groups



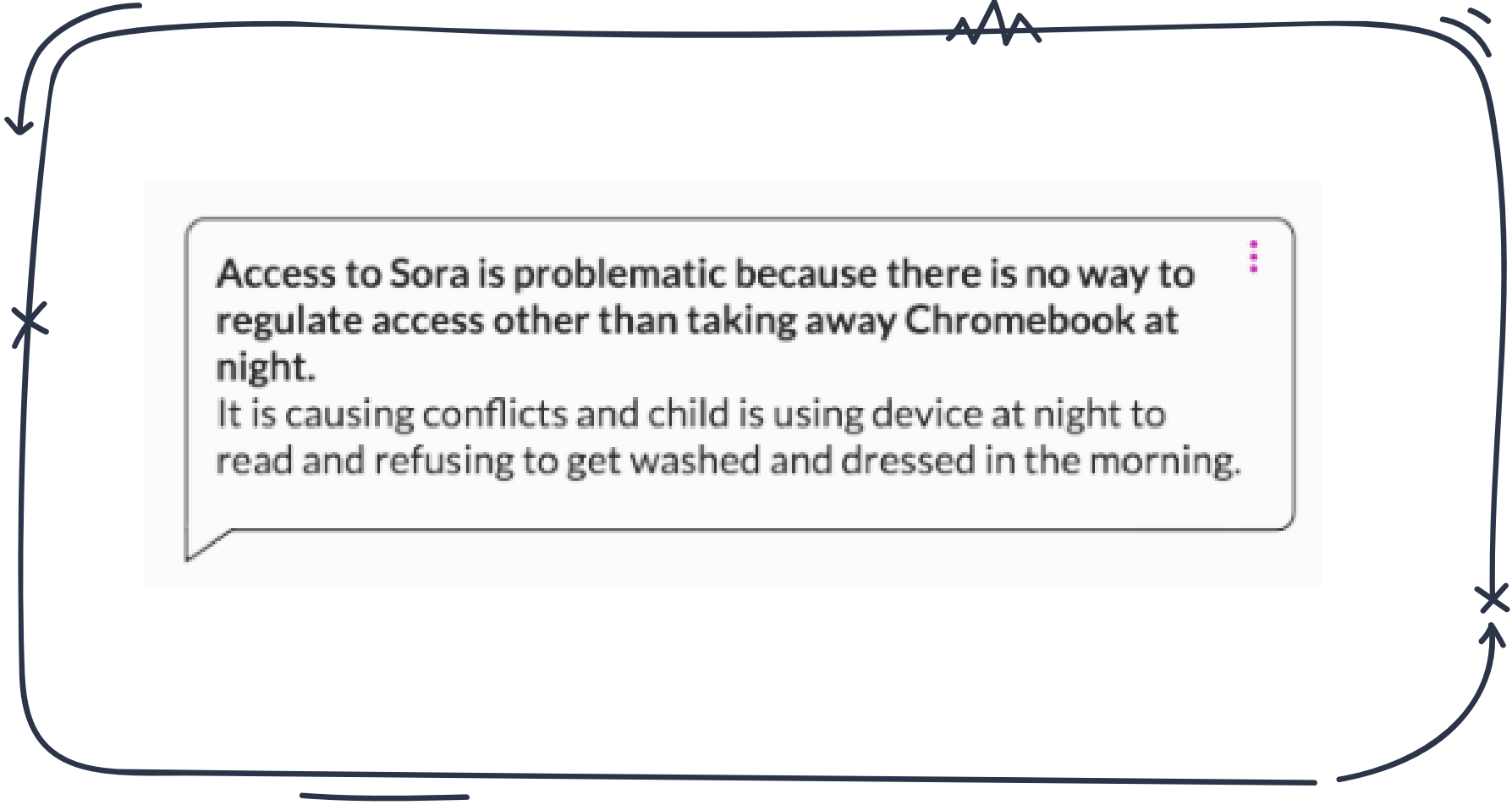
Culturally neutral  
Culturally generic  
Culturally specific

African  
Black  
Caribbean  
East Asian  
European  
Indigenous  
Latinx  
Middle Eastern  
South Asian  
Southeast Asian  
White  
Other non-majority  
non-specified

## Family structure diversity

Immigration/emigration  
LGBTQIA+  
Mental health  
Neurodiversity  
Non-Christian religion  
Other diverse community  
Physical ableness  
Poverty/homelessness  
Refugees  
Substance use/abuse  
None of the above

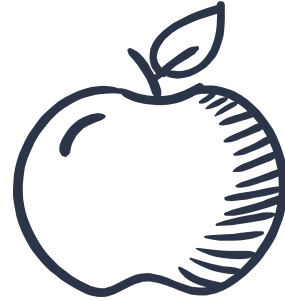
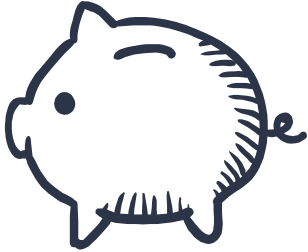




Access to Sora is problematic because there is no way to regulate access other than taking away Chromebook at night.

It is causing conflicts and child is using device at night to read and refusing to get washed and dressed in the morning.

# Constraints





**Questions?**



# Thanks!



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Time to pick a  
winner!



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