



Best Practices for Promoting Your Digital Resources

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Sora is the best way
for students to
access your school's
digital collection.

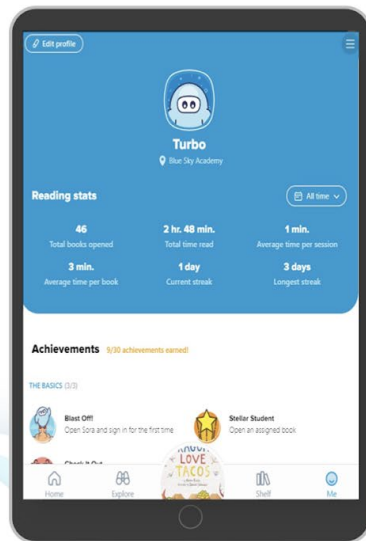
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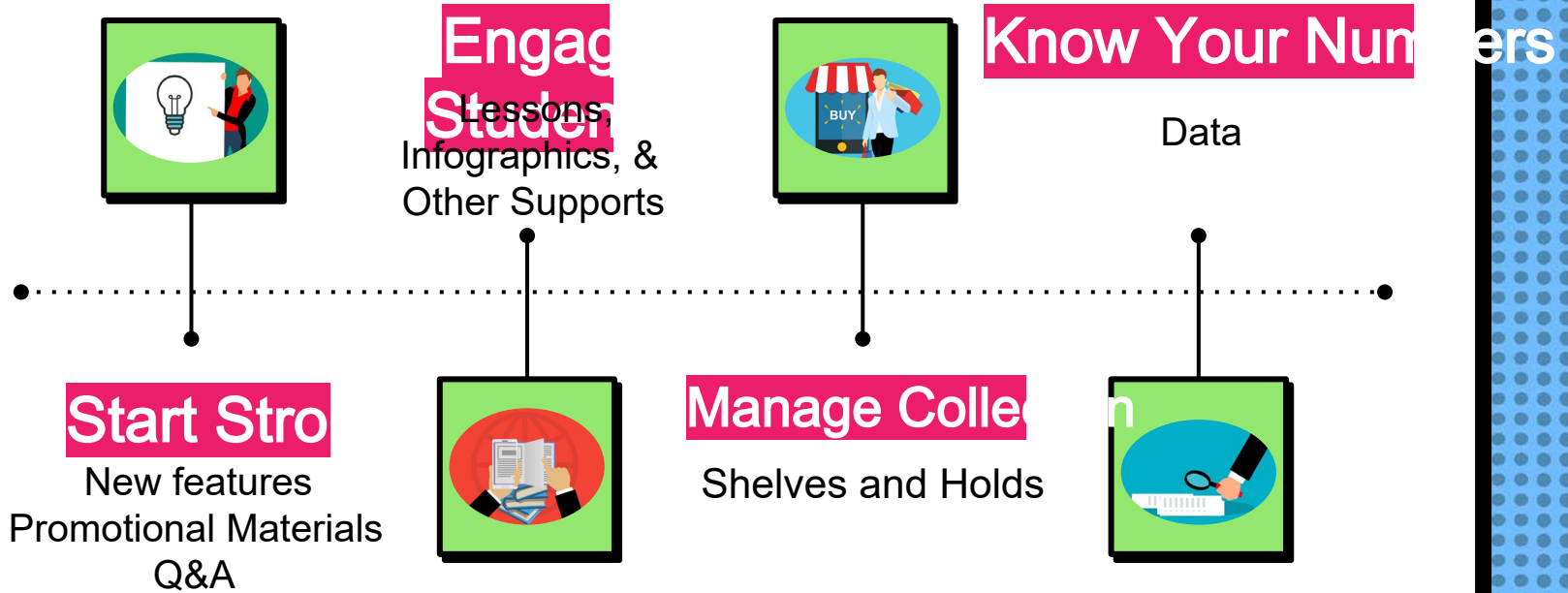
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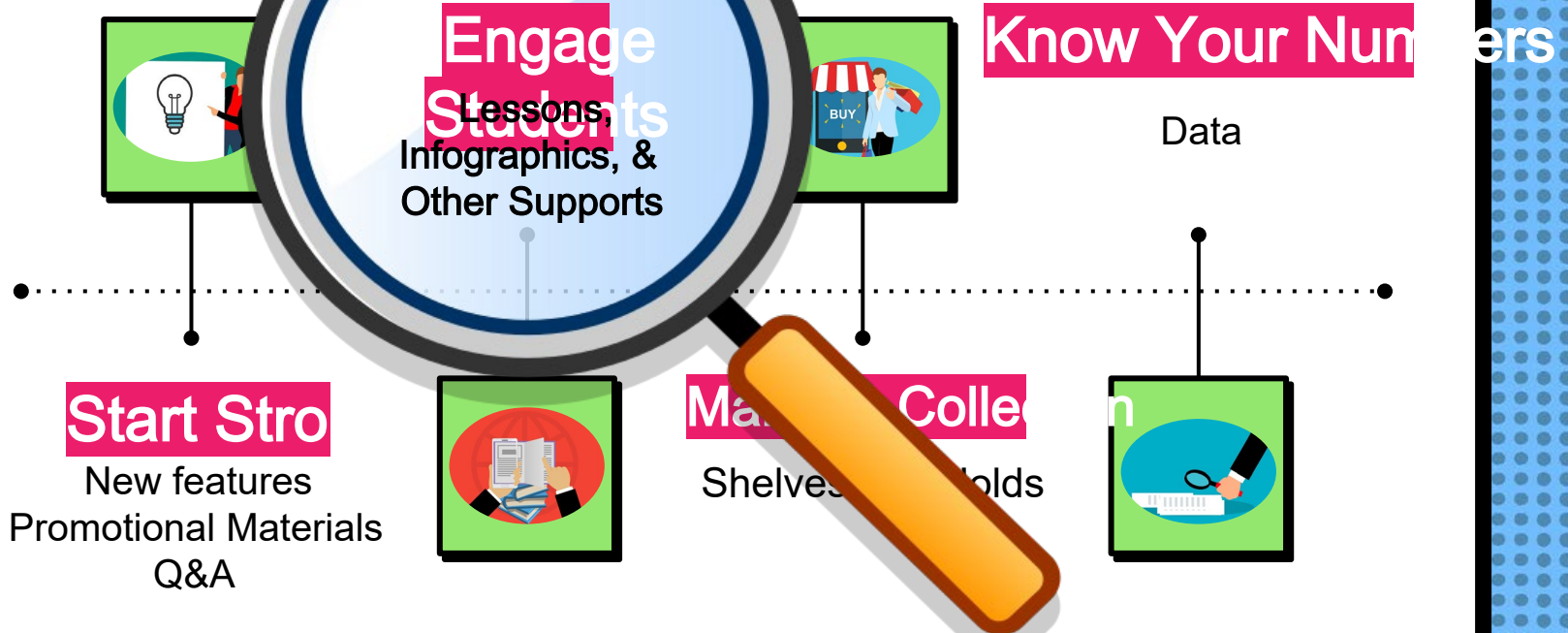


- Single-sign-on
- Multilingual interface
- Easy browse and borrow
- Title assignment capabilities
- Offline access
- Public library digital collection access
- Student reading data

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Engage and Make Connections



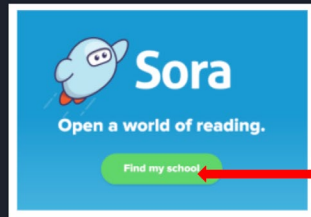
Supporting Access by Creating Habits



Logging In and Setting Up

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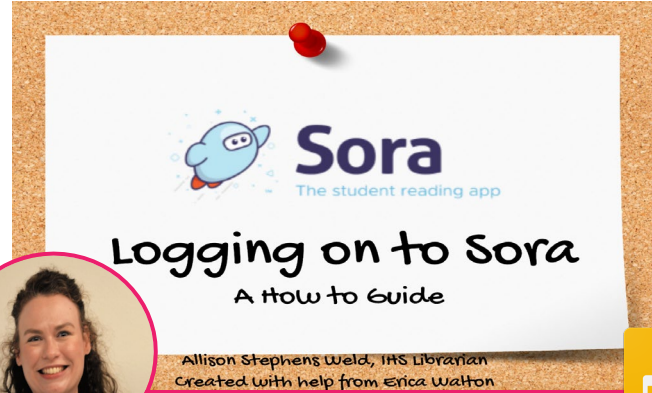
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Infographics that Support Access

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SIGN IN TODAY USING YOUR IISD LOGIN!



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Kristin Hill, Librarian

How to check out eBooks & eAudiobooks using Sora

6th – 12th Fiction & Nonfiction eBooks and eAudiobooks
Campus-specific, Uses Irving SSO

How to access Sora

1. Open the app.
2. Click on "Find my school"
3. Click on "My school isn't listed" at the bottom of the screen.
4. Type in "Singley Academy" in the search box.
5. Select the option that pops up that is for Irving ISD Singley Academy by clicking on "This is my school."
OR at times it will not populate. If this happens type in "Irving" and scroll down until you see "Irving ISD" and select "This is my school!"
6. Click on "Sign in using Irving ISD" and then click "Continue" and sign in using your normal IISD sign in (SSO). Click on the binoculars (Explore) to find books.
To check them out, select "Borrow."
To access your books once you have checked them out, open the app and click on the book icon.

Popular eBooks

How to access Sora

you can check out 3 eBooks and/or eAudiobooks at a time.
eBooks are EITHER an eBook OR an eAudiobook.
You can add the Irving Public Library to your app and check out 1,000's of books!



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Kathleen Basoco, Librarian



Scavenger Hunt and Curated Lists

Sora Scavenger Hunt

Name: _____

Step 1: Download the Sora app or visit soraapp.com.

Step 2: Sign in with [Enter Login Details](#)

Step 3: Complete the following missions on a tablet, smartphone or computer. Good Luck!

Advanced

When you want to find a new book, go to the Explore Tab Tap the Explore Tab for the following questions.

1. What symbol is displayed at the bottom of an audiobook? _____

a. b. c.

2. Navigate down to Popular Subjects. Tap **Explore all subjects**. Select **Fantasy**. Refine™ and Sort by Release date. What title is listed first? _____

3. Borrow a title of your choice. What book did you borrow? _____

When you need to find your borrowed or assigned titles, go to the Home Tab Tap the Home Tab for the following questions.

4. Open the book you borrowed by tapping the jacket cover, then tap **Open Book**. Tap the **Reading Menu** and open **Reading Settings**. Under Book Design, you can change what font your book is displayed in. Tap **Customize**. Other than additional font options, in what way can you change how a book looks?

a. Justification
b. Line Spacing
c. Weight
d. All of the above

5. Other than **Bright** and **Sepia**, what lighting can you display the book in? _____

6. Close the **Reading Menu** by tapping **Done** and tap in the center of the screen to hide the progress bar. Begin swiping left to turn the page until you get to chapter 1. Tap and hold down on a word to have the option to **Define** or **Highlight**. Define the word. After defining the word, **Highlight** it. In addition to green, what colors are available when making a highlight?

a. **Black & Blue**
b. **Blue & Red**
c. **Yellow & Pink**

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Sora Scavenger Hunt

Open the Sora app and used what you learned today to complete the question!

jboone01@irvingisd.net (not shared) [Switch account](#)

* Required

First and Last Name: *

Your answer: _____

your question 1.

1. When you want to find a new book, go to the Explore Tab (Explor). Tap the Explore Tab. What symbol (picture) is displayed at the bottom of an audiobook? *

☐ a
☐ b
☐ c

2. Navigate (scroll down) to popular subjects. Click on Explore all subjects. Tap on Biography & Autobiography. Click Refine (Refinar--tap right) and tap on the first title. Which title is listed first? Here, type this exactly as it is on the screen.

Your answer: _____



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Sora Scavenger Hunt



Access and Connecting to Favorite

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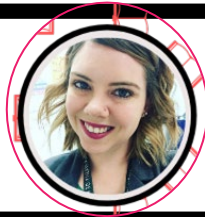
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1 Accessing Sora

- Go to [Launchpad](#)
- Open the ebook folder
- Click on Sora
- Select, "Find my school"
- Choose "Irving ISD"

**Sora**
Open a world of reading.
[Find my school](#)

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Stacie Milburn, Librarian





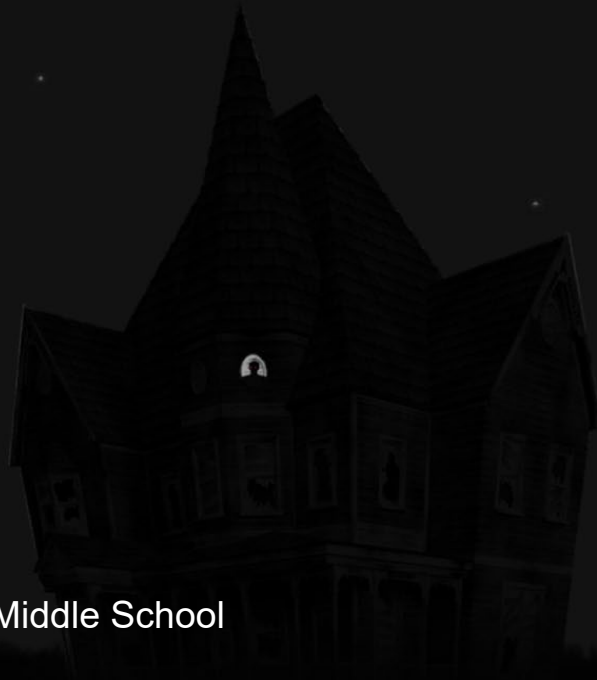
Scavenger Hunt

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Donnie Cummings, Librarian

Lessons Using Sora Always Available Titles



Lessons
Always
Available
Shelf

SORA

Collaborate with the teacher and use a nonfiction title from **Always Available** to teach the following with grades K-2 as students work on their research.

1. Nonfiction text features - can we find...?
2. How to use a glossary
3. Taking notes about a subject
4. Do the photographs support the text on the page?



Optional: Compare information between the titles.

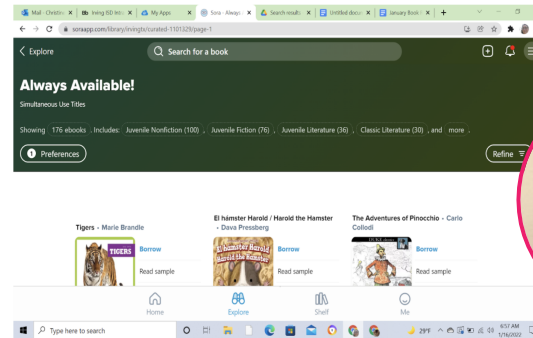
Share **Always Available** titles with teachers for Biographies or Black History Month:



K-2

Grades 3 - 5

Due to our high number of English Language Learners and new arrivals, reading can be a challenge. During one lesson, we will focus on:



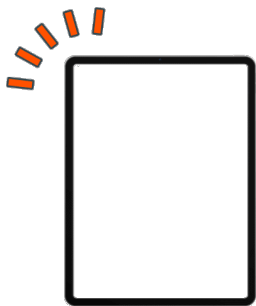
1. Students will buddy up with a friend or create a small reading group.
 2. Each pair or group locates a book that they want to read together, either English or Spanish. This could be either a chapter book or a short nonfiction book.
- At the end of the session, students will share their choice with the class and why. Students were encouraged to continue reading their choice with their buddy or small group outside of the library by using the **Always Available** books. Be sure to clear this with the teacher first.

3-5



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Make sure to enter
Overdrive's raffle for
a chance to win
a **Lenovo** tablet!



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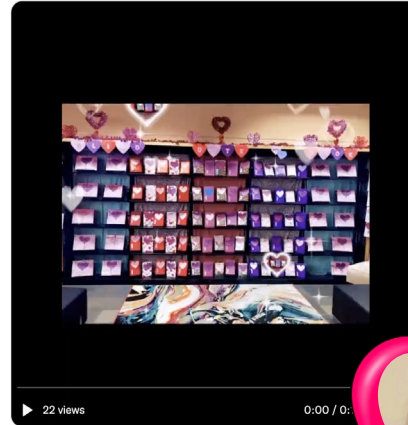
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Blind Date With a Book



Which book will you choose?! #BlindDateWithABook
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**Blind Date with
a Sora eBook!
Greeting cards
with QR codes
that lead to
Sora eBooks**

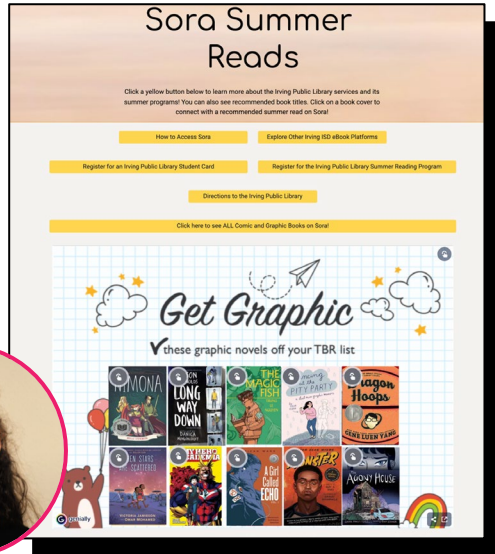


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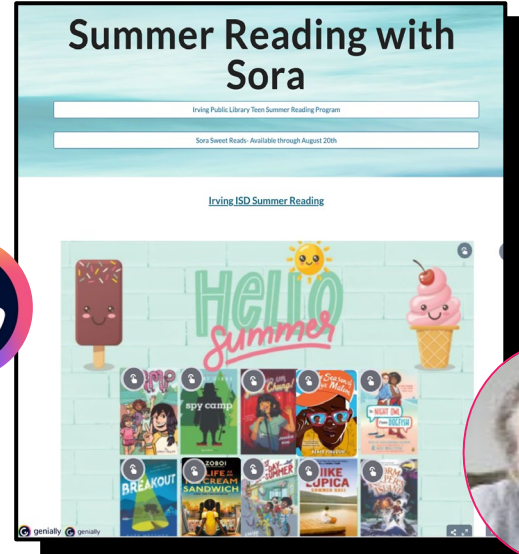
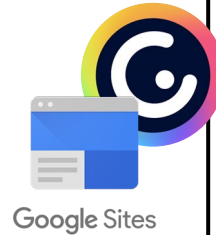


Celebrations and Summer Reading

Lessons
& Supports



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Parent EdAccess

eBooks

Books that students and parents can access on their iPads, Chromebooks, and mobile phones even on evenings and weekends!



Sora

Features:

- ★ Easy to use, one tap to get inside a book
- ★ The largest catalog of ebooks and audiobooks...made even larger by access the Irving Public Library through Sora
- ★ Teachers can assign titles and track individual student reading progress
- ★ Exportable notes, highlights for collaborative learning

SORA



Single Sign On (SSO)





Parent EdEspañol

eLibros

Son libros en formato digital a los que los estudiantes y los padres pueden tener acceso en sus iPads, Chromebooks y teléfonos móviles incluso por la noche y los fines de semana!



¿Qué es Sora?

Sora fue creado para entusiasmar a los niños con la lectura y eliminar las distracciones para promover un enfoque en el aprendizaje. Los estudiantes pueden tomar prestados libros electrónicos, audiolibros y revistas de la biblioteca de su escuela las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana con la aplicación Sora.



¿Cómo puedo tener acceso?

Los estudiantes pueden acceder a Sora iniciando sesión en [Launchpad](#) y seleccionando la carpeta del eLibro.



Enlace

[Este enlace](#) dirigirá a los estudiantes al inicio de sesión único de Irving ISD. Los estudiantes también pueden acceder a Sora a través de [Launchpad](#).

Sora eBooks & Audiobooks



Características:

- ★ Fácil de usar, solo un toque para entrar en un libro.
- ★ El catálogo más grande de libros electrónicos y audiolibros... agrandado aún más al acceder a la Biblioteca Pública de Irving a través de Sora.
- ★ Los maestros pueden asignar títulos y realizar un seguimiento del progreso de lectura de cada alumno.
- ★ Notas exportables, aspectos destacados para el aprendizaje colaborativo.



Multiple Points of Access

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Irving Library and Digital Resources

eBooks

Popular fiction and nonfiction eBooks can be accessed at home and at school using the Irving ISD Single Sign on portal, Launchpad. If Launchpad is unavailable, use the links below for access. For at-home passwords, click [here](#). Need help accessing a resource? Contact your campus librarian.

Audiobook & eBook Library

Popular Fiction/Nonfiction Titles Expand All

Popular fiction and nonfiction titles can be accessed by clicking on the icon below according to your grade level. Sign in using your Irving ISD computer credentials. Some resources may be found on Cleverlink. See your school librarian for assistance.

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Sora eBooks

- [K-12 eBooks](#)
- [High School eBooks](#)

Multi-User eBook Platforms for PK-12 →

Secondary Research/Reference (9-12) →

Professional eBooks →



Multiple Points of Access

The screenshot displays the Irving Independent School District website. The top navigation bar includes links for About Us, Board of Trustees, Departments & Services, Families, Students, Schools, Community, Careers, and For Staff. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled 'Library & Digital Resources', features a list of links: Library & Digital Resources Home, Digital Resources, eBooks, IISD Library Catalog, Copyright Support, Instructional Materials, Policies & Procedures, Reading Lists, Librarian Intranet, Vendors, and Contact Us. The right section, titled 'Quick Links', contains three icons: a document icon for 'Digital Resources', a laptop icon for 'eBooks', and a magnifying glass over a book icon for 'Library Catalog'. The 'Library Catalog' icon is circled in red. To the right of the 'Quick Links' section is a large image of a student reading a book. To the right of the 'Library & Digital Resources' section is a screenshot of the IISD Library Catalog search results for 'Pete the Cat'. The search results show a list of books, including 'Pete the Cat and the missing cupcakes (2016)', 'Pete the Cat checks out the library (2018)', 'Pete the Cat saves Christmas (2013)', and 'Pete the Cat and his magic sunglasses (2013)'. The 'Filtered By' section on the left of the search results is circled in red, showing 'eBook' as the selected filter.

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Pete the Cat

Search Results for Pete the Cat (Save Search)

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Britannica 630

World Book 1

Searching 38 Locations Change

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By Dean, James
Series: Pete The Cat.
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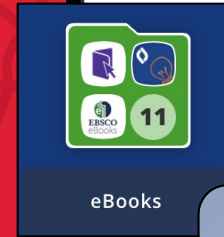
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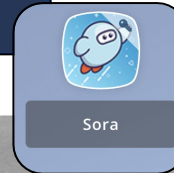
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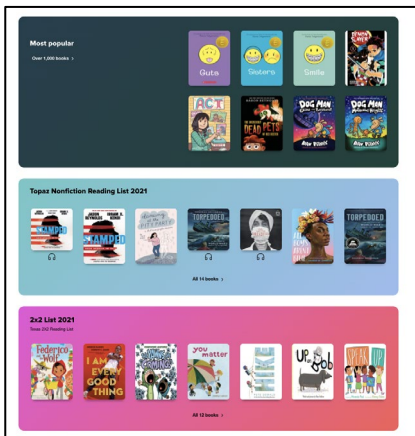
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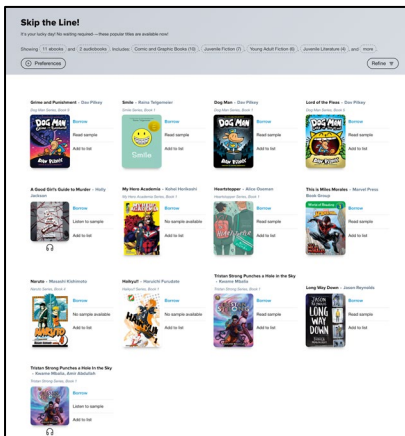


Managing & Organizing Collection

Shelves



Skip the Line



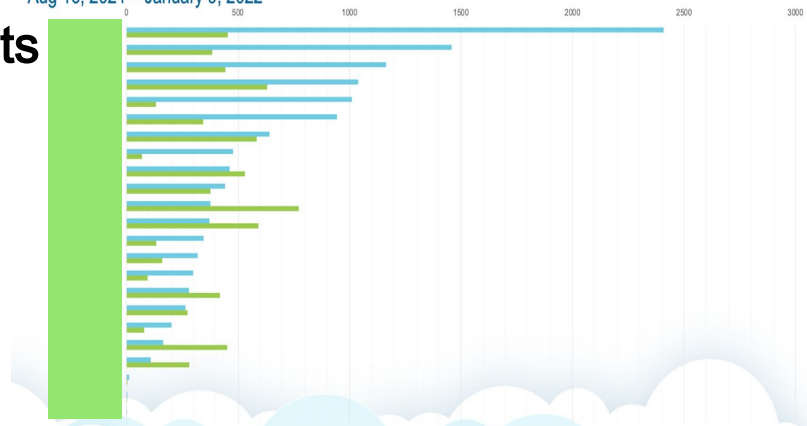
❑ Year-to-Year Growth



A bar chart comparing unique users for two periods. The first bar, representing 'Aug 2020 - Jul 2021', is blue and has a value of 6,277 unique users. The second bar, representing 'Aug 2021 - Now', is grey and has a value of 7,691 unique users. The chart shows a clear increase in unique users for the more recent period.

Period	Unique users
Aug 2020 - Jul 2021	6,277
Aug 2021 - Now	7,691

Elementary Checkouts by Campus





MORE RESOURCES



Video Tutorial Examples

- Video Tutorial- [How to Access Sora on Your iPad](#) Allison Stephens Weld, Irving High School
- [Sora Video Tutorial](#) Allison Stephens Weld, Irving High School
- [Sora Scavenger Hunt](#) Allison Stephens Weld, Irving High School
- [How to Access Sora](#) Amy Graem, Hanes Elementary

bit.ly/SoraTCEA22



MORE RESOURCES



Other Ways to Promote Sora

- [Link Sora to AudioFile Sync for SummerLong reading](#), Kathleen Basoco, Singley Academy
- [Summer Reading With Sora](#) Google Site Erica Walton (former Houston MS) and Hope Krum, Bowie MS
- [Tutorial to Share with Teachers](#), Erica White, DeZavala MS
- [Mythology Poster](#) Hope Krum, Bowie MS
- [Read Aloud Poster](#) For teachers to use for classroom ebook library, Hope Krum, Bowie MS

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