



# Sora

The student reading app

## Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

April 2023 | Delaware Accelerate Learning  
Digital Collection

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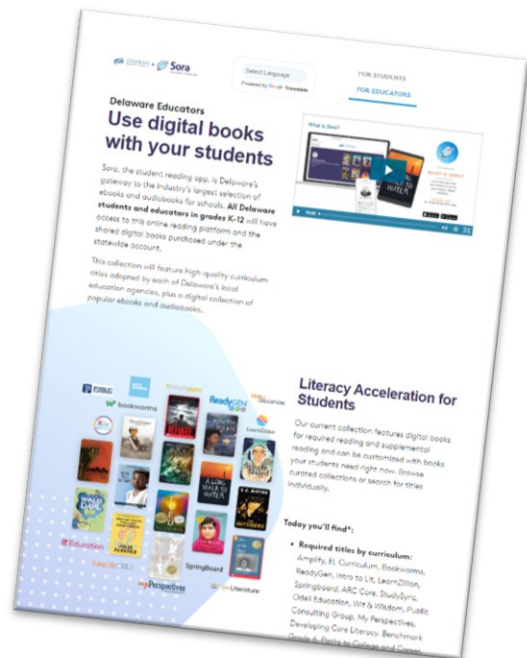
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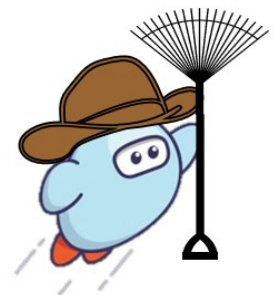


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## Green Words: A Poetry Competition for Young Minds in Delaware

Calling all teachers and administrators! We invite you to spread the word about "Green Words," an Earth Day poetry competition for Delaware schools. This competition is an opportunity for young poets to explore themes such as sustainability, conservation, and the beauty of nature through their writing. We believe that words have the power to create positive change, and we can't wait to see how your students' "green words" will inspire others to take action. The five winning entries will receive a Sora T-shirt to show off their commitment to a greener future. We encourage you to share this opportunity with your



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students and support them in showcasing their talent and passion for the environment. Join us in celebrating Earth Day with "Green Words".

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**Action Item:** Please send entries to Bailey Hotujac, [bhotujac@overdrive.com](mailto:bhotujac@overdrive.com) by May 5<sup>th</sup>. A winner will be announced on May 10<sup>th</sup> and T-shirts will be delivered to the schools by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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## Quiet time with Sora: A Post Test Solution

Spring tests bring stress and strain,  
But when they're done, it's time to gain,  
A quiet moment, all alone,  
To rest their minds and find their zone.

Sora offers books and magazines,  
To fill the time, and ease their dreams,  
With offline reading, it's always there,  
To calm their thoughts, and offer care.

So turn to Sora when tests are through,  
And let your mind take flight anew,  
In pages filled with tales untold,  
To ease the mind, and calm the soul.



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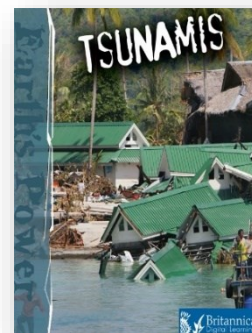
**Pro-Tip:** Remind students to borrow and download books prior to test day.

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## This Month's Featured Title: Tsunamis

By David Armentrout, Patricia Armentrout, Britannica Digital Learning

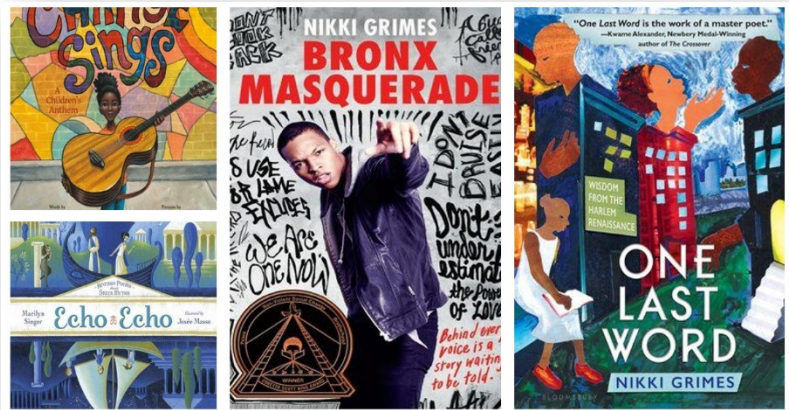
The danger and damage caused by the wall of water known as a tsunami are examined in this full-color book about an extraordinary demonstration of the earth's power. Students learn about the causes and wide-ranging effects of tsunamis, including earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions, and even meteorites.



## Updated seasonal curated collections.

- April is Poetry Month
- Earth Day
- Celebrate Spring

Updates to Curriculum: All HQIM lists have been updated. To quickly find your required read via Sora, simply search for a title via the Search bar, scroll through the EXPLORE page, or click on Collections & search for your HQIM. You can also use the curriculum curation pdf, which features direct links - <https://static.od-cdn.com/Curations.pdf>.



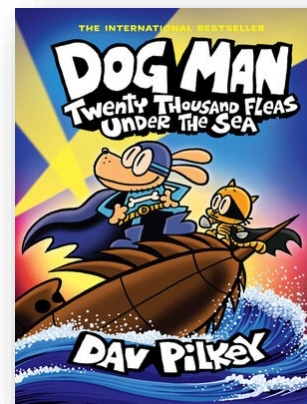
Please reach out to [Sarah Wilsman](mailto:swilsman@overdrive.com) your Digital Content Librarian swilsman@overdrive.com if titles are missing.

## April Hot Titles

### *Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea – Dog Man, Dav Pilkey*

The highly anticipated new graphic novel in the #1 worldwide bestselling Dog Man series starring everyone's favorite canine superhero by award-winning author and illustrator Dav Pilkey is coming March 28, 2023!

Piggy has returned, and his newest plot is his most diabolical yet. WHAT other new villains are on the horizon? WHERE are they all coming from? And WHO will step forward to save the city when scoundrels sabotage our Supa Buddies?

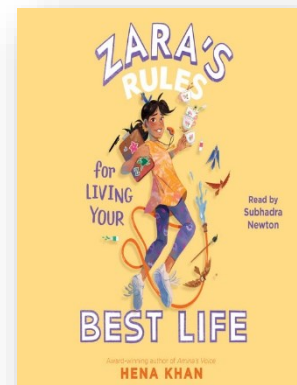


With themes of friendship and doing good, *Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea* is packed with action and hilarity. Featuring "Chomp-O-Rama," a brand-new song, a monstrous Mighty Mite — and so much more than ever before! IT'S HEROIC, IT'S EPIC!

### *Zara's Rules for Living Your Best Life* by Hena Khan, Subhadra Newton

From the award-winning author of *Amina's Voice* and *Amina's Song* comes the third book in the charming middle grade *Zara's Rules* series following Zara as she tries to save her spring break!

It's spring break and Zara and Naomi have big plans...until Zara finds out that Naomi's parents are sending her to camp and Zara and Zayd are going to spend the week with their grandparents. Zara's pretty sure it's a rule that spring break is supposed to be full of fun and adventure—not doing chores for Naano and watching Nana Abu doze on the couch! But ever since Nana Abu retired, it seems all he wants to do is eat and sleep, and Zara's worried their grandfather has lost his mojo.

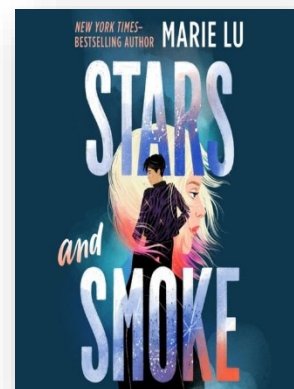


Meanwhile, Naomi's having a blast at her day camp. Since Zara can't join her, can Zara find a way to bring the fun of camp to her grandparents' home? With a little help from Zayd, Zara concocts a plan that just might save her vacation—and help her grandfather start living his best life.

### **Stars and Smoke** by Marie Lu

This smoldering enemies-to-lovers novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Marie Lu puts a superstar global phenomenon and a hotshot young spy on a collision course with danger – and Cupid's arrow – in an electric new series perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Ally Carter.

Meet Winter Young – International pop sensation, with a voice like velvet and looks that could kill. His star power has smashed records, selling out stadiums from LA to London. His rabid fans would move heaven and earth for even a glimpse of him – just imagine what they'd do to become his latest fling.



Meet Sydney Cossette – Part of an elite covert ops group, Sydney joined their ranks as their youngest spy with plans to become the best agent they've ever had. An ice queen with moves as dangerous as her comebacks, Sydney picks up languages just as quickly as she breaks hearts. She's fiery, no-nonsense, and has zero time for romance – especially with a shameless flirt more used to serving sass than taking orders.

When a major crime boss gifts his daughter a private concert with Winter for her birthday, Sydney and Winter's lives suddenly collide. Tasked with infiltrating the crime organization's inner circle, Sydney is assigned as Winter's bodyguard with Winter tapped to join her on the mission of a lifetime as a new spy recruit. Sydney may be the only person alive impervious to Winter's charms, but as their mission brings them closer, she's forced to admit that there's more to Winter Young than just a handsome face . . .

## **Data deep dive: Who is reading & Top 10**

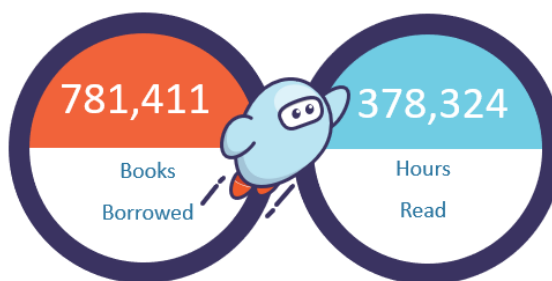
School is back in session, and we are thrilled to see the #'s of checkouts and hours read! The latest data is below, but you also have access to this data for your district. If you would like to learn how to access your own usage data, please reach out to [Bailey](#).

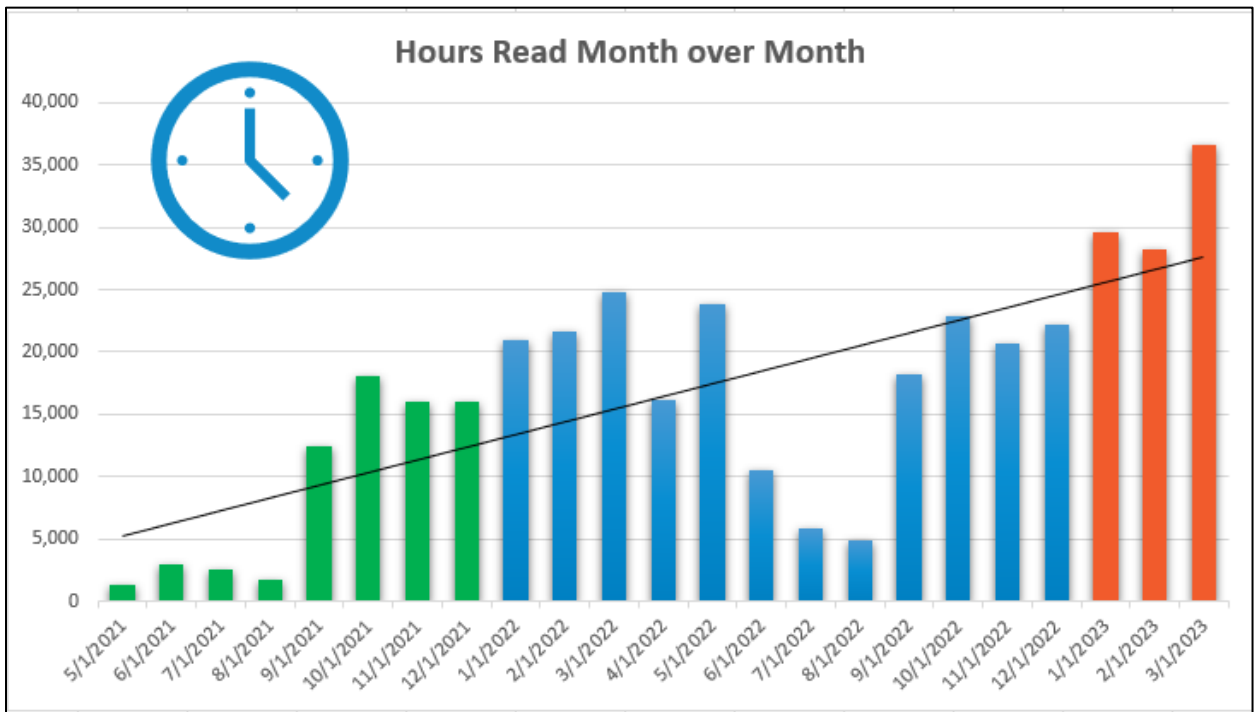
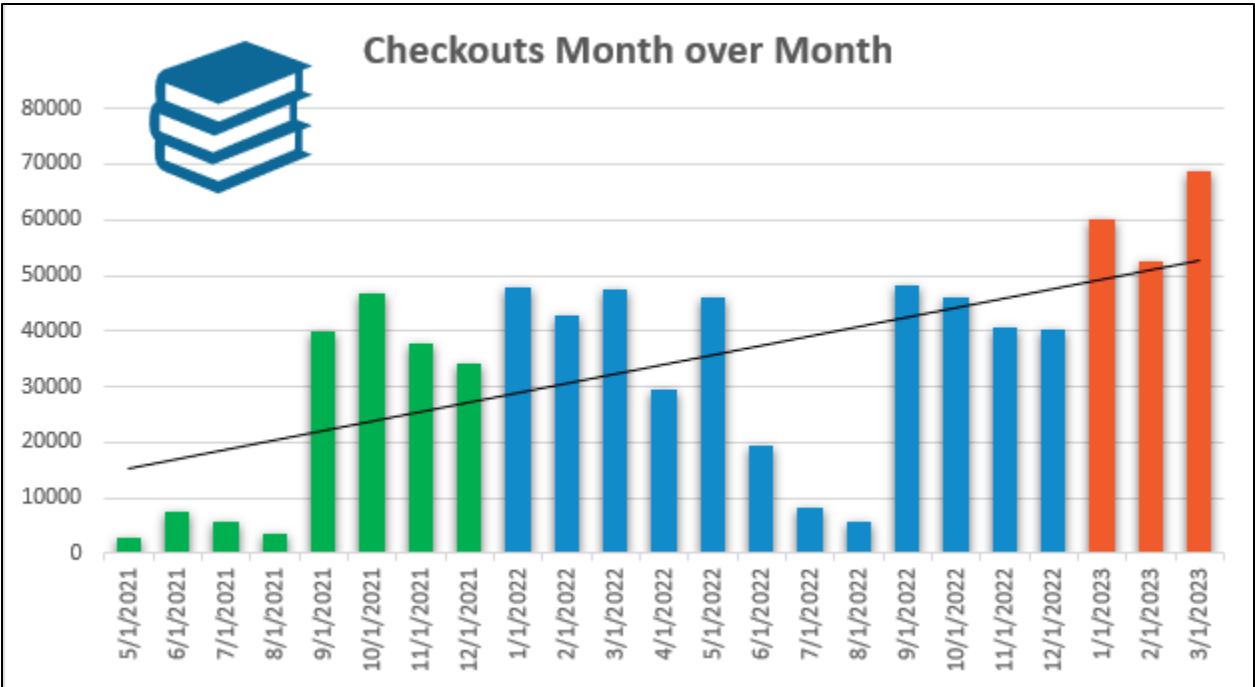
### **Checkouts & Hours read since inception – 5/17/2021**

Let's look at 2023 data!

March 1 - 31, 2023

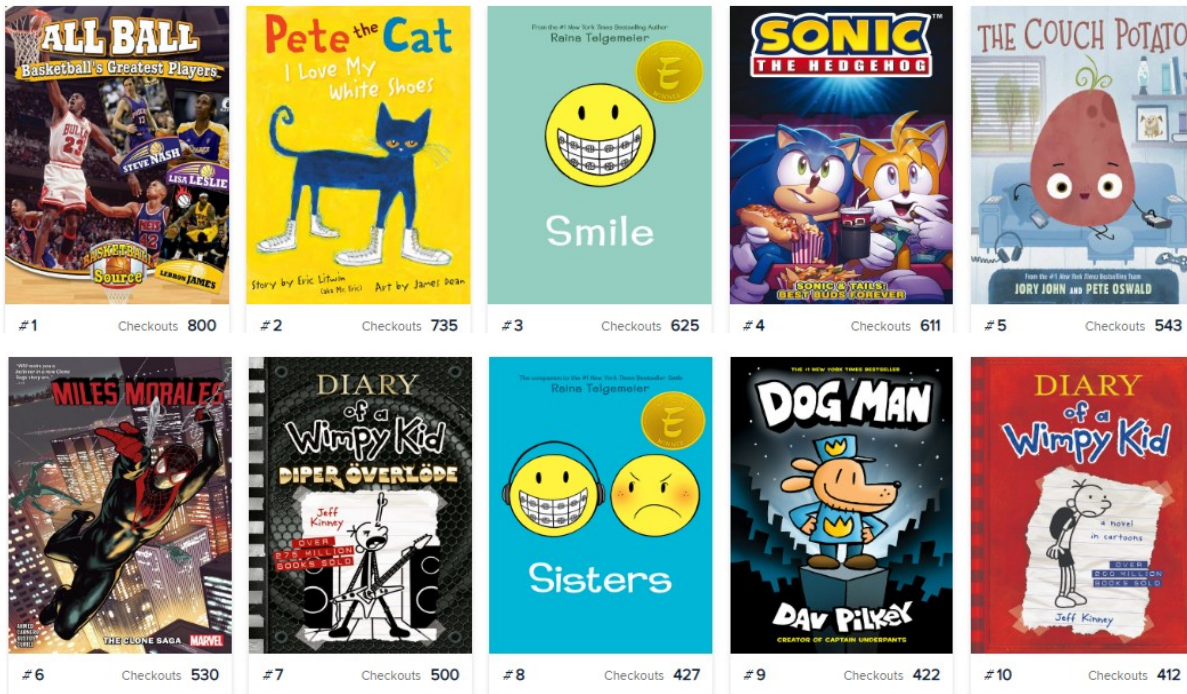
- **68,695** checkouts!
- **36,614** hours read!





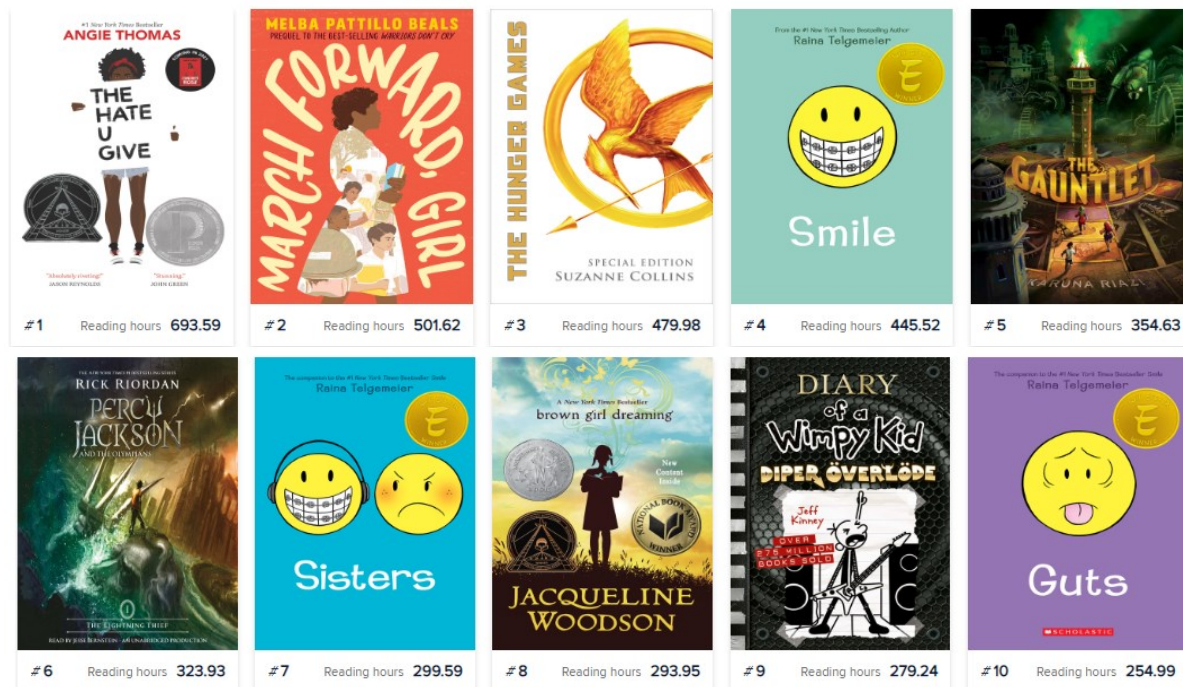
## Top 10 Titles by Checkout for Month - March 2023

Total checkouts **5,605**



## Top 10 Titles by hours Read – March 2023

Hours read **3,927.04**



## Top Readers Since August 2023

Top readers for the 2022 – 2023 School Year are coming from the following districts. We have 2 students close to 1000 hours of reading.

District	School	Books opened	Time read hrs:mns:sec
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	154	910:28:00
Brandywine School District	Claymont Elementary School	155	812:39:00
Appoquinimink School District	Appoquinimink High School	40	777:11:00
Capital School District	Dover High School	127	728:11:00
First State Montessori Academy	First State Montessori Academy	9	667:57:00
Christina School District	Shue-Medill Middle School	83	477:36:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Elementary School	7	473:56:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	70	402:11:00
Indian River School District	Selbyville Middle School	114	389:05:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Conrad Schools Of Science	84	365:58:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	41	349:04:00
Appoquinimink School District	Cedar Lane Elementary School	134	341:53:00
Christina School District	Gallaher Elementary School	183	330:54:00
Capital School District	Dover High School	48	312:56:00
Appoquinimink School District	Odessa High School	93	312:46:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Dupont (H.B.) Middle School	62	310:07:00
Indian River School District	Indian River High School	48	309:51:00
Milford School District	Milford Senior High School	119	302:55:00
Indian River School District	Selbyville Middle School	22	294:34:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	46	292:46:00

## Want to get the most out of Sora! Schedule a PD or 1:1 ZOOM!

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 or Bailey or feel free to book directly via our calendar links below.



[Jody Brookshire](#)



[Bailey Hotujac](#)



### Join us for the following upcoming Webinars:

- **AudioFile and OverDrive present: SYNC Audiobooks for Teens 2023**
  - When: April 18th, 2:00 pm EST

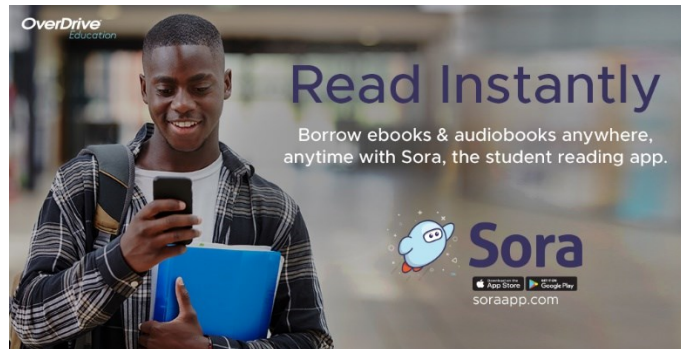
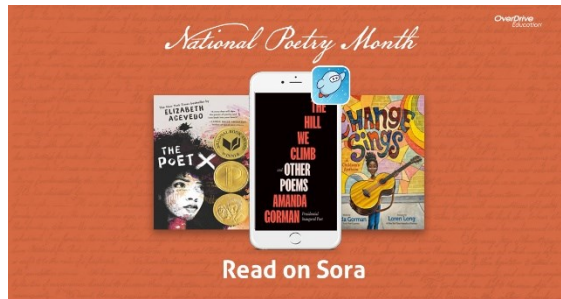
- Register Here: [https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4g0WwIgvTlq94pdoRnXmdg](https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4g0WwIgvTlq94pdoRnXmdg)

- **Sora Essentials: The Reader Experience**

- When: April 19th, 3:00 pm EST
- Register Here: [https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9LSkcAtDQXmM-4DKMjmafww](https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9LSkcAtDQXmM-4DKMjmafww)

## 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.



Thank you for reading!

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