



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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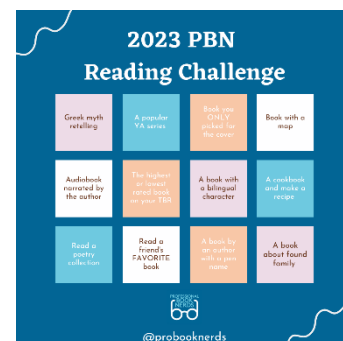


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Professional Book Nerds 2023 Challenge

Challenges are a great way to get students to try something new and who knows maybe this will lead them to discover a new favorite. The Professional Book Nerds 2023 Challenge will have your students diving into a Greek retelling, pick up a popular YA title, remind them to revisit their "To be Read" lists, or even cook up something delicious. Maybe you can join the challenge as well! We have all the tools to help you promote this challenge too. Visit this link for promotional graphics: <https://static.od-cdn.com/Professional-Book-Nerds-2023-Reading-Challenge-1-1-23.zip>



ALA Youth Media Awards



The ALA Youth Media Awards will take place on January 30, 2023 at 8:00 am CT.

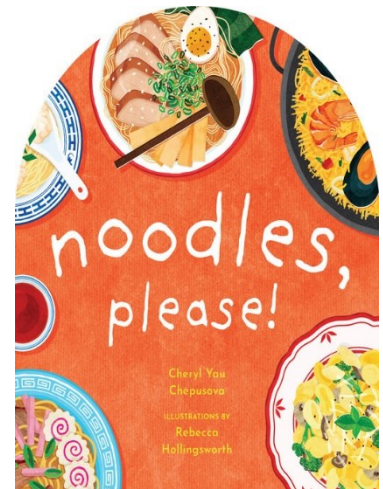
Visit <https://www.ala.org/> that morning to watch.

This Months Featured Title: *Noodles, Please!*

By Rebecca Hollingsworth, Cheryl Yau Chepusova

Here's an alphabet book to set your taste buds aflame. Noodles are a universally loved food, from Ash Reshteh in Iran to Zaru Soba in Japan. In this board book shaped to mimic bowls, readers will discover 26 different varieties as they eat their way through the alphabet. Who knew noodles could be served so many ways: long and short, hot and cold, spicy and sweet, in broth and baked, paired with vegetables, meat and fish.

Noodles, Please! provides a culinary tour of the world, highlighting cuisines from over a dozen different countries. With each new letter, a new dish is introduced identifying its country of origin and name written in both English and the country's native language. Whether learning about Tallarines Verdes for the first time, or a Naengmyeon aficionado, readers young and old are sure to slurp this one right up.

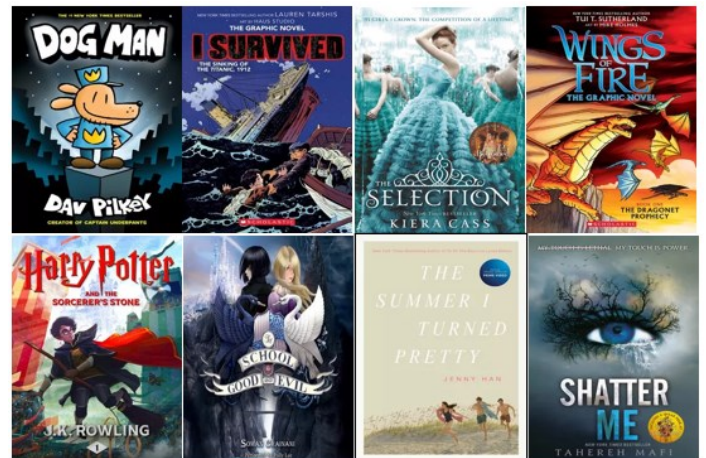


Updated seasonal curated collections

- [New Year New Series](#)
- [The World's a Stage](#)

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 your Digital Content Librarian swilsman@overdrive.com if titles are missing.



Math Curriculum for Elementary: We know math is a target area, so we have curated a collection of supplemental titles to help.

<https://soraapp.com/library/deschools/curated-1403097/titles>

The world is filled with many amazing animals. Some are incredibly big. Others are super small. Some are very fast. Others are very slow. Many animals are unique enough to have a claim to fame. If there were an Animal Olympics, these creatures would surely be gold medalists! Learn about the world's most amazing animals while learning fractions.



Each title combines math and literacy skills and uses everyday examples of problem solving to teach subject area content. The full-color images, math charts and diagrams, sidebars, and practice problems make learning math easy and fun.

Featured Winter Titles

For High School (9-12)

Five Survive by Holly Jackson

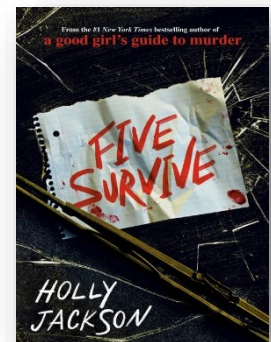
INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Eight hours. Six friends. Five survive.

Red Kenny is on a road trip for spring break with five friends: Her best friend - the older brother - his perfect girlfriend - a secret crush - a classmate - and a killer.

When their RV breaks down in the middle of nowhere with no cell service, they soon realize this is no accident. They have been trapped by someone out there in the dark, someone who clearly wants one of them dead.

With eight hours until dawn, the six friends must escape, or figure out which of them is the target. But is there a liar among them? Buried secrets will be forced to light and tensions inside the RV will reach deadly levels. Not all of them will survive the night. . . .



For Elementary School (K-5)

Prank You Very Much by Lincoln Peirce

When it comes to making mischief, Nate Wright's in a class by himself. Whether he's pranking his sister with fluorescent toothpaste or giving the school yearbook an unauthorized glow-up, Nate's genius for trickery always earns straight As.

Based on the hit Big Nate TV show on Paramount+ and Nickelodeon, Big Nate: Prank You Very Much features stories from two shorts and two complete episodes. In "The Pimple of Power," a honkin' zit on Nate's forehead unexpectedly becomes the most miraculous good luck charm in school history. In "Time Disruptors," Nate and his pals channel a legendary team of superheroes to rescue Francis from the clutches of P.S.



For Middle School (6-8)

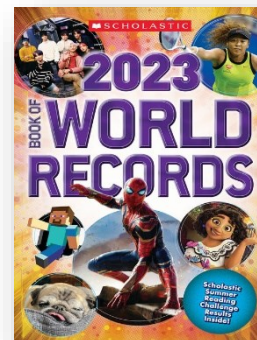
2023 World Records by Scholastic

It's been another year of incredible facts, trends, current events, and more. Read about all the amazing world records you need to know from the past year.

Find out amazing stats, like:

- Which movie was the most success at the box office?
- Whose album had the biggest hits?
- Where can you find the world's oldest animal?
- And a whole lot more!

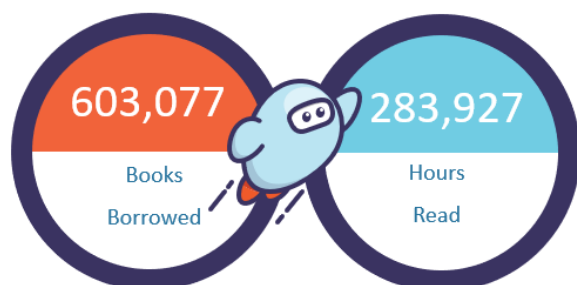
This awe-inspiring updated edition of the Book of World Records comes complete with new entries in pop culture, science, tech, nature, sports, medicine, and more.



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 [Jody](#).

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



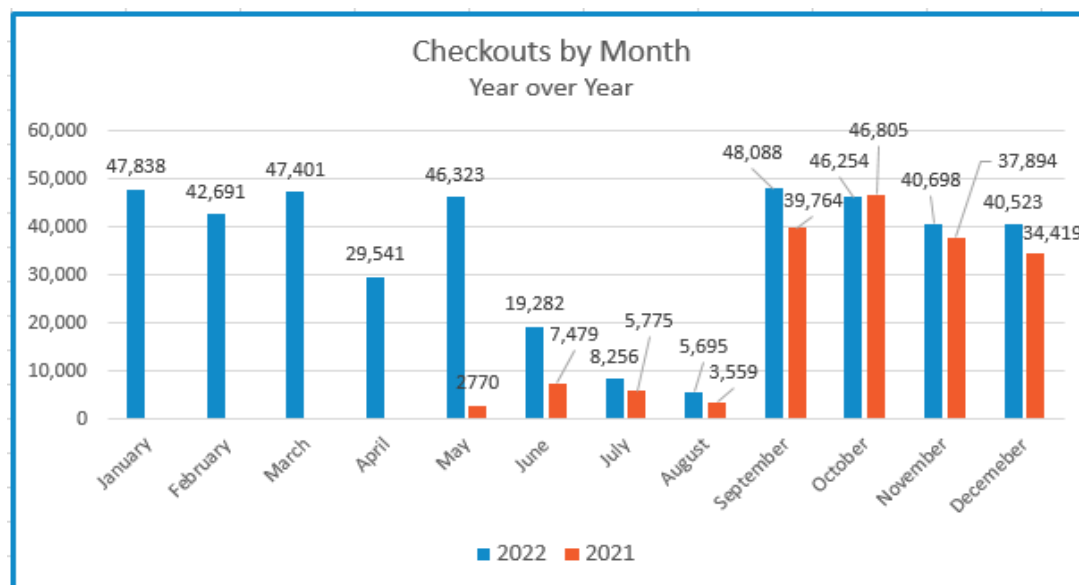
Let's look at 2022 data!

Data since January 1, 2022

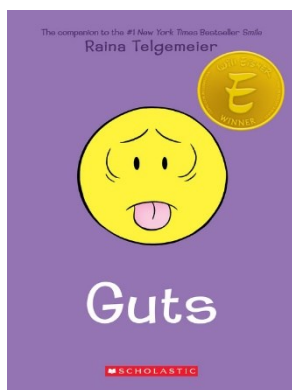
- 424,612 checkouts
- 212,683 hours read

December 1 - 31, 2022

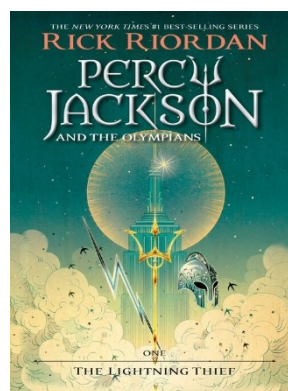
- 40,523 checkouts!
- 20,632 hours read!



2022 #'s are higher than

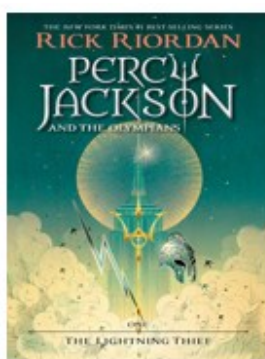


#1 Book checked
out in **2022**
5,156 Checkouts



#1 Book for most
hours read in
2022
2,790 hours read

Top Read Titles by Reading Hours in 2022



#1 Reading Hours 2,790.37



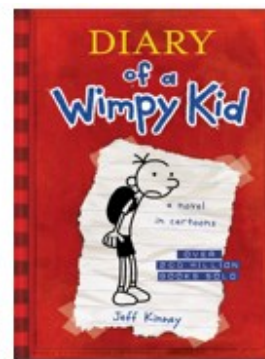
#2 Reading Hours 2,589.91



#3 Reading Hours 2,491.55



#4 Reading Hours 2,228.22



#5 Reading Hours 2,075.50



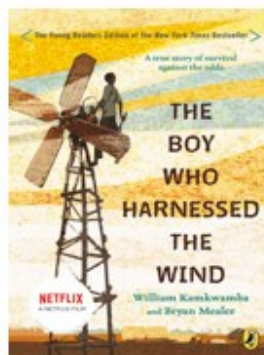
#6 Reading Hours 1,567.82



#7 Reading Hours 1,428.22



#8 Reading Hours 1,236.59



#9 Reading Hours 1,231.48



#10 Reading Hours 1,047.36

Top 10 Readers for December 2022 -
Top 10 Readers for December came from the below districts

Branch	School	Books opened	Time read hrs:mns:secs
Capital School District	Dover High School	32	181:38:00
First State Montessori Academy	First State Montessori Academy	2	179:53:00
Brandywine School District	Claymont Elementary School	24	139:49:00
Christina School District	Shue-Medill Middle School	20	121:50:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	21	117:12:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	14	102:36:00
Newark Charter School	Junior High Campus Students	36	96:41:00
Christina School District	Gallaher Elementary School	34	93:11:00
Delmar School District	Delmar School District	16	72:16:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	7	70:11:00

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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.



[Jody Brookshire](#)



Join us for the following upcoming Webinars:

- **Sora Essentials: The Reader Experience**
 - When: January 10th, 12:00 pm EST
 - Register Here: https://overdrive.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4g0WeIGvTlq94pdoRnXmdg
 - Topics Covered
 - Sign in with your school credentials
 - Browse, borrow, and enjoy ebooks & audiobooks
 - Personalize the reading experience with adjustable settings
 - Define words & create annotations
 - Add a public library to expand access to even more digital books

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 <https://soraapp.com/library/deschools>
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Thank you for reading!

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