



Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

October 2022 | Delaware Accelerate Learning
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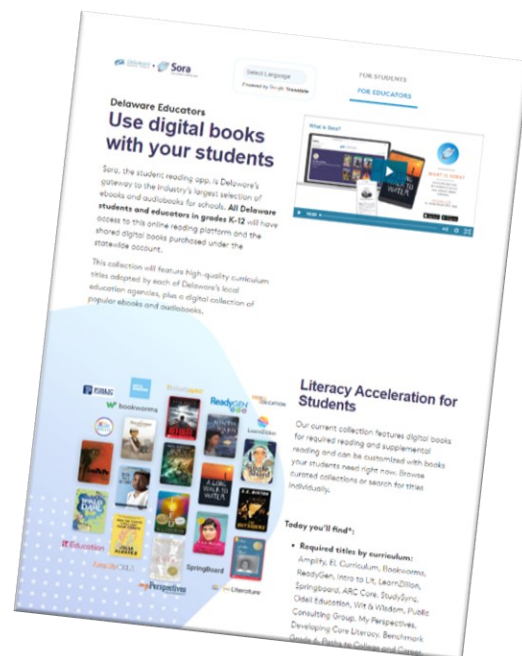
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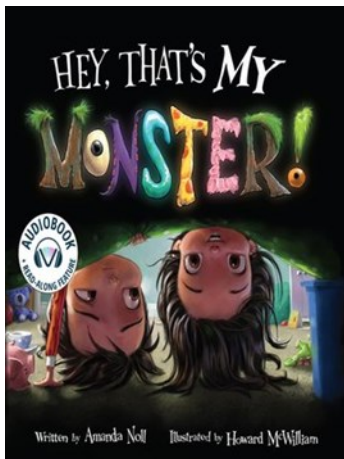
Use Sora to streamline your next literature circle! Sora's Notes, Highlights, and Define features are invaluable for students when creating and collaborating for a literature circle. Here are some examples:

- **Define Feature** – The [Word Finder](#) student role, can define vocabulary words within a passage/chapter. Defined words can be exported and turned in.
- **Highlight Feature** – The [Theme Analyzer](#), can use the highlights tool to indicate various themes throughout the text. For example, assign highlighter colors to different themes. As you read, highlight each time that theme is displayed. Students can then export their highlights and answer questions. When teaching other literary topics like mood, dialogue, character traits, or motivations, the same method can be used.
- **Notes Feature** – The [Connector](#) student role will draw connections (text-to-text, text-to-self, text-to-world, text-to-media)
 - Use Sora's notes to keep track of connections you make throughout the title

Promote Sora titles in your school's library

Your Sora collection features more than 15,000 titles and over 900,000 copies. Promote access to Sora in your school's library. Here are some tips:

- Use Shelf Cards in the print library with QR codes for popular titles that link to the same ebook title in Sora.
- Use our [Sora bookmarks from the Resource Center](#) to put inside print books in the school with a QR code to Sora. You can even customize them with read-alike titles (e.g. "If you liked this book, check out these titles...")!
- Display your [Sora Showcase](#) prominently on devices in your library to show students what they can find in Sora.
- Want more ideas – visit this [BLOG POST](#)



This Month's Featured Title: Hey, That's MY Monster!

By Amanda Noll

When Ethan looks under the bed for his monster, he finds this note instead: "So long, kid. Gotta go. Someone needs me more than you do. –Gabe" How will Ethan ever get to sleep without his monster's familiar, comforting snorts? And who could need Gabe more than Ethan does? Gabe must have gone to Ethan's little sister's room! She has been climbing out of bed every night to play, and obviously needs a monster to help her get to sleep – but not HIS monster! Ethan tries to help his sister find her own monster, but none are the perfect blend of cute and creepy. Just when it seems that Ethan will lose his monster forever, an uninvited, tutu-toting little monster full of frightening fun.

Here are some updated seasonal curated collections

- [Freedom to Read \(Banned Books\)](#)
- [Halloween Fun](#)
- [Whispers in the Dark \(spooky audiobooks\)](#)



More Fall Featured Titles

For High School (9-12)

Nothing More to Tell by Karen McManus

New mystery from the author of *One of Us is Lying* - NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

- Be sure to keep your friends close . . . and your secrets closer.

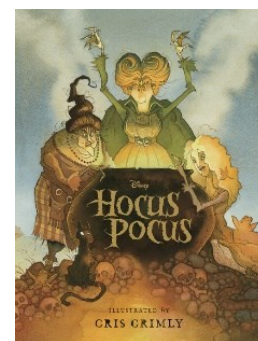
Four years ago, Brynn left Saint Ambrose School following the shocking murder of her favorite teacher—The case was never solved. Now that Brynn is moving home and starting her dream internship at a true crime show, she's determined to find out what really happened.



For Middle School (6-8)

Hocus Pocus: The Illustrated Novelization by A.W. Jantha

Relive the magic of the cult-classic film *Hocus Pocus* with an Illustrated Novelization that retells the story of the film, paired with stunning original artwork throughout from Gris Grimly, ahead of the launch of *Hocus Pocus 2*! For the first time ever, fans and readers of all ages can enjoy the full story of the immensely popular *Hocus Pocus* with this deluxe Illustrated Novelization that will show fans the likes of Max Dennison, the Sanderson Sisters, Binx the cat, and other iconic characters as only celebrated, renowned artist Gris Grimly can.

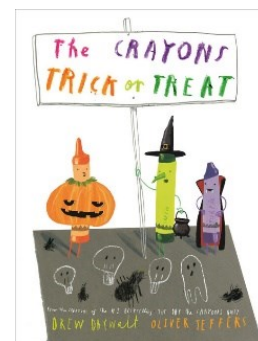


For Elementary School (K-5)

The Crayon's Trick or Treat by Drew Daywalt

The hilarious crayons from the #1 New York Times bestselling *The Day the Crayons Quit* are ready to celebrate Halloween!

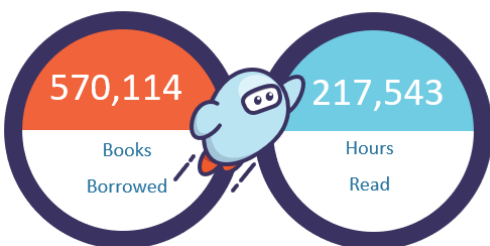
The Crayons want to go trick-or-treating, but they're not sure what to say! In this humorous, small hardcover Halloween story, Purple Crayon teaches the rest of the crayon box the magic words to say when they ring their neighbors' doorbells. (Hint: It's NOT "Boo!")



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 – 5/17/21



Let's look at 2022 data!

Data since January 1, 2022

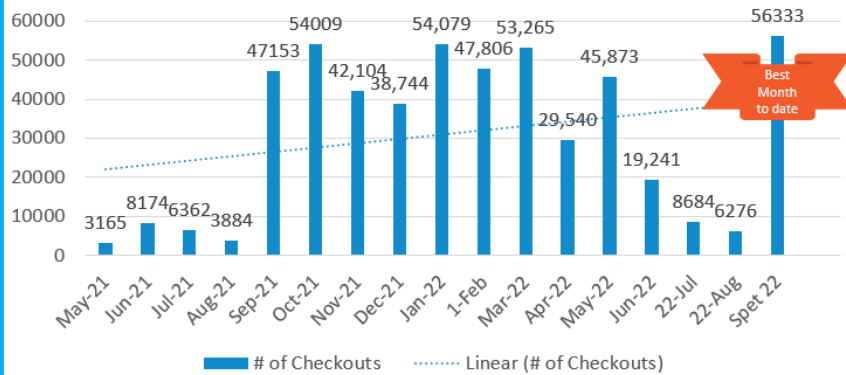
- 313,245 checkouts
- 146,570 hours read

September 1 - 30, 2022

- 56,333 checkouts!
- 18,232 hours read!

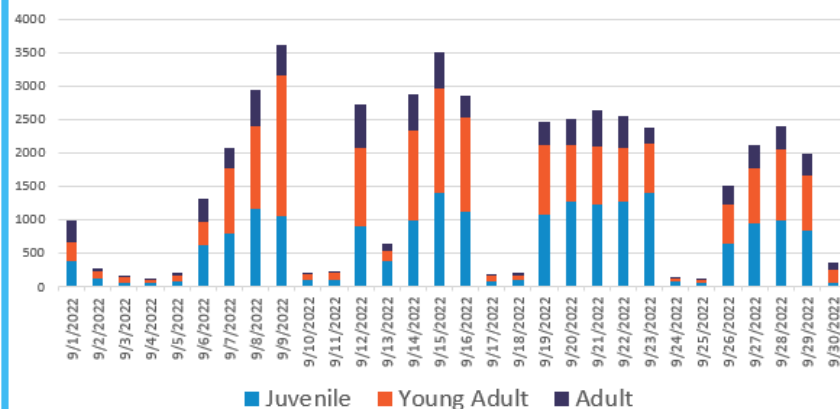


Delaware Accelerate Learning # of Checkouts Since inception (May 17, 2021)



September 2022 has been the best month since inception

Checkouts per grade band by day September 2022



Young Adult (6-8) are the most engaged for the month of September, followed by Juvenile (K-5), then Adult (9-12)

Top 10 Readers for September September 1 - 31, 2022

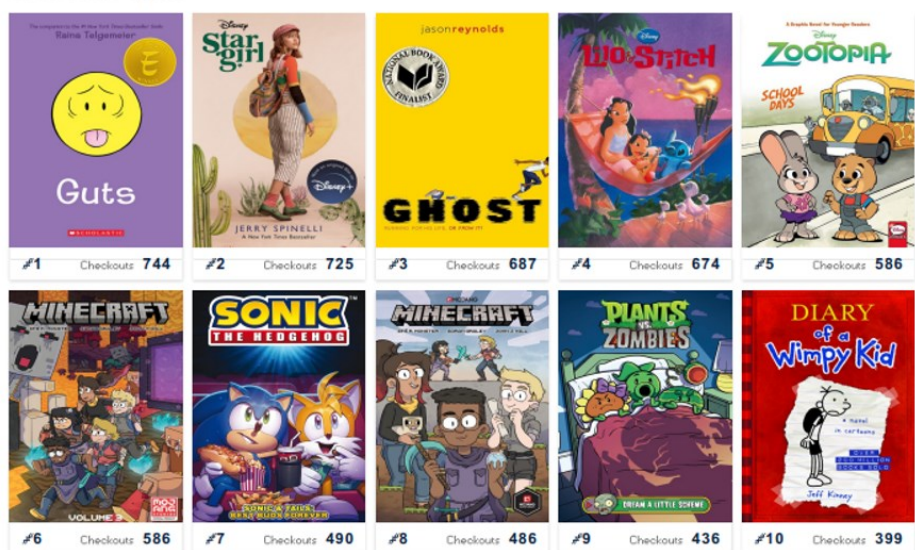
District	School	Books opened	Time read (hr, min, sec)
Appoquinimink School District	Appoquinimink High School	11	264:00:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	17	106:32:00
Indian River School District	Selbyville Middle School	62	86:09:00
Capital School District	Dover High School	24	71:24:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Calloway (Cab) School Of The Arts	13	68:34:00
Brandywine School District	Claymont Elementary School	19	66:38:00
Brandywine School District	P.S. duPont Middle School	41	62:04:00
Cape Henlopen School District	Cape Henlopen School District	5	60:03:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Elementary School	2	59:30:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Red Clay Consolidated School District	6	59:16:00

Using the Student Dashboard, you can pull a report like this for your school. One student hit the 200-hour club in 1 month!

Top 10 Titles by Checkout – September 1 – 30, 2022

Top 10 titles (by checkouts)

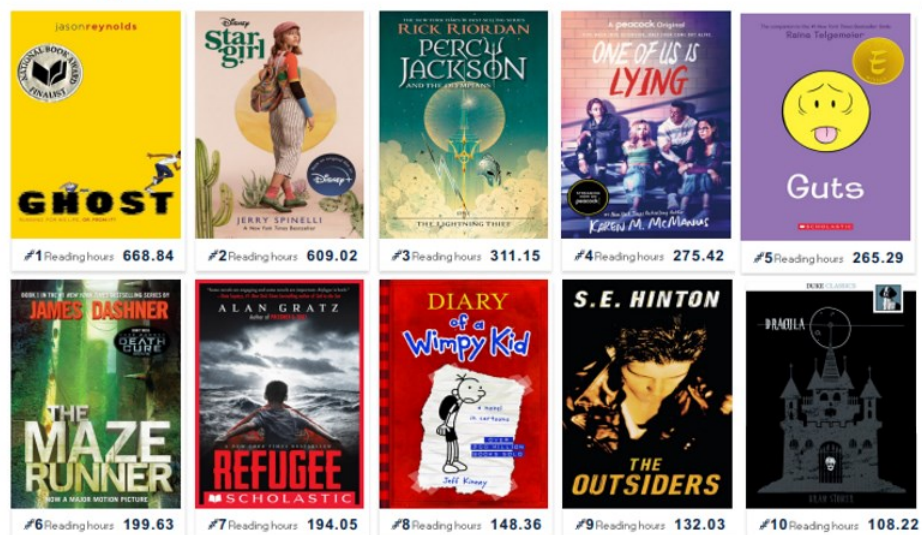
Total checkouts **5,813**



Top 10 Titles by Read Time – September 1 – 30, 2022

Top 10 titles (by time read)

Hours read **2,912.01**



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 Brookshire](#) or feel free to book directly via my calendar link.



[Jody Brookshire](#)



Join us for the following upcoming Webinars:

Sora Essentials: Fall 2022 – October 7th - [Register Here](#)

Marketplace Essentials – Fall 2022 – October 6th – [Register Here](#)

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>
- -OR- Target your post content to a specific book using the [grab URL trick](#)
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Thank you for reading!

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