



Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

May 2023 | Delaware Accelerate Learning
Digital Collection

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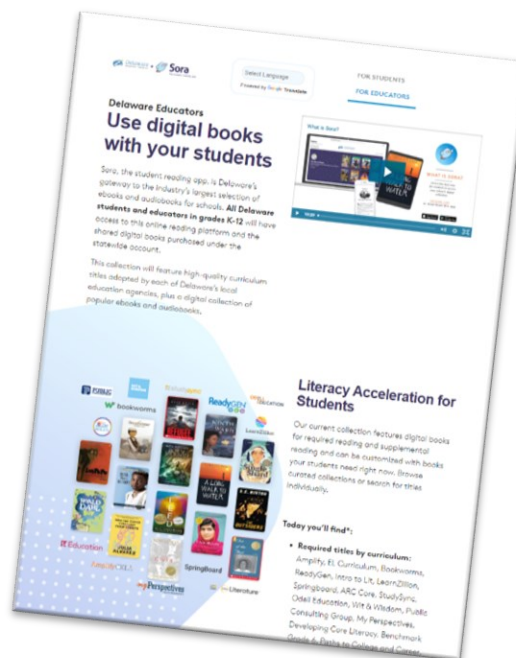
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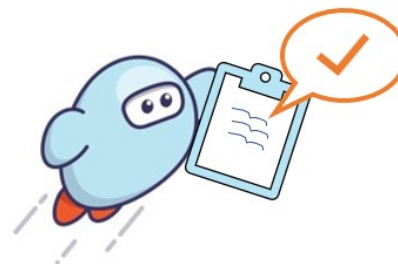
Check out previous releases of the Soar with Sora Newsletter here: <https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/discover-sora/deschools/>

Your Opinion Matters: Share Your Feedback on Our Newsletter?

Thank you for signing up to receive this newsletter. As we start planning for next school year, we want to hear your feedback! Please take two minutes to share your opinion. We appreciate your contribution to help us make the best resources possible for you!

Fill out our quick online survey here:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7325494/2023-DE-Newsletter-Survey>



Sora Sweet Reads is Back

We're thrilled to announce our global summer reading program, [Sora Sweet Reads](#) returns on May 15th. This robust free collection will feature simultaneous offerings for elementary, middle, and high school readers. Truly something for everyone. Check out the title list via our Sora Sweet Reads landing page. You will also find some resources, like the Sora Sweet Reads Reading Challenge game card, social graphics and new this year, a free collection of resources to coincide with these titles from TeachingBooks.

What's Included:

- 32 Elementary School titles, 10 Middle School Titles, 13 High School titles
- Free Access to TeachingBooks resources for our Sora Sweet Reads or [Elementary](#), [Middle](#), and [High](#) Collections
- [Reading Challenges](#)
- [Social Media Graphics, Posters and more!](#)

Action Item: Visit the [Sora Sweet Reads Site](#) to learn more. Add the Sora Sweet Reads titles to your Summer Reading Lists.



Summer Checklist

Sora is available all summer long, as the digital library never closes! Here are some tips to make sure your students are ready to take their reading with them:



There is an APP for that!

Have students download the Sora app to their personal and home devices. Inform Parents! Send a notice home using our [parental outreach guides here](#).



Add Delaware Libraries to SORA

The national summer reading theme for public libraries this year is "[All Together Now!](#)" Delaware Libraries have already begun registering participants and event planning is in full swing.

Learn More about Delaware Libraries "All Together Now" Summer Reading Program.

Sign up to participate: <https://lib.de.us/signup>

Steps to add Delaware Libraries in Sora:

- Under your profile, select +Add library and enter Delaware Libraries
- Click Borrow or Place hold on any title to be prompted to sign-in to the public library
- Select your school district from the dropdown and login with your school credentials.



Download Student Dashboard Data.

As a reminder, the Student Dashboard data will be refreshed on August 1st. If you would like to keep track of this school year's reading data, you will need to download your report on July 31, 2023. Create yourself a reminder now. We will not have a newsletter for the month of July. If you need help downloading this report or creating your Dashboard details please reach out to [Bailey Hotujac](#).

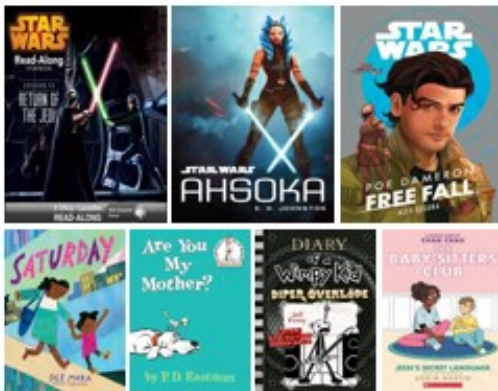
This Months Featured Title: Unusual Pets

By Pat Jacobs

From where they sleep to what they eat and how you can make them feel safe and at home, this book gives you pet care advice on a variety of different pets. Learn the inside information on how to care for and understand the behavior of pets such as snakes, insects, chinchillas, newts, and salamanders.



Updated seasonal curated collections.



- [May the 4th be with you! \(Star Wars\)](#)
- [Hurray! It's Mother's Day](#)
- [Summer Must-Haves!](#)

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.

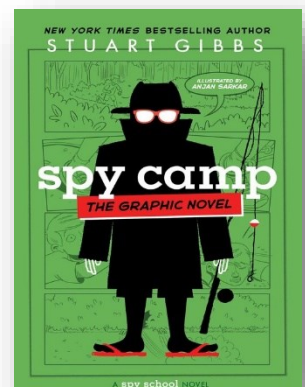
Please reach out to [Sarah Wilsman](#) your Digital Content Librarian swilsman@overdrive.com if titles are missing.

May Hot Titles

Spy Camp: The Graphic Novel – Stuart Gibbs, Anjan Sarkar

The second book in the New York Times bestselling Spy School series continues in graphic novel form as aspiring spy Ben Ripley must spend his summer in top-secret training—and is thrown back into danger.

Ben Ripley is a middle schooler whose school is not exactly average—he's spent the last year training to be a top-level spy and dodging all sorts of associated danger. So now that summer's finally here, Ben would like to have some fun and relax. But that's not going to happen during required spy survival training at a rustic wilderness camp, where SPYDER, an enemy spy organization, has infiltrated the spies' ranks. Can Ben root out the enemy before it takes him out—for good?

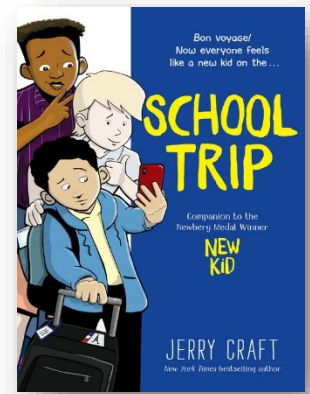


School Trip: A Graphic Novel by Jerry Craft

New York Times bestselling author Jerry Craft is back with the newest adventures of Jordan, Drew, Liam, and all the characters that fans first met in *New Kid*, winner of the Newbery Award and the Coretta Scott King Author Award! In this full-color contemporary graphic novel, the gang from Riverdale Academy Day is heading to Paris, for an international education like you've never seen before...

Jordan, Drew, Liam, Maury, and their friends from Riverdale Academy Day School are heading out on a school trip to Paris. As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all the amazing art in the famous City of Lights.

But when their trusted faculty guides are replaced at the last minute, the school trip takes an unexpected—and hilarious—turn. Will Jordan and his friends embrace being exposed to a new language, unfamiliar food, and a different culture? Or will they all end up feeling like the "new kid"?



Someone Is Always Watching by Kelley Armstrong

Their lives are a lie. Their memories may not be real. A new young adult psychological thriller by #1 NYT bestselling author, Kelley Armstrong. Blythe and her friends — Gabrielle, and brother and sister Tucker and Tanya — have always been a tight friend group, attending a local high school and falling in and out of love with each other. But an act of violence has caused a rift between Blythe and Tucker.

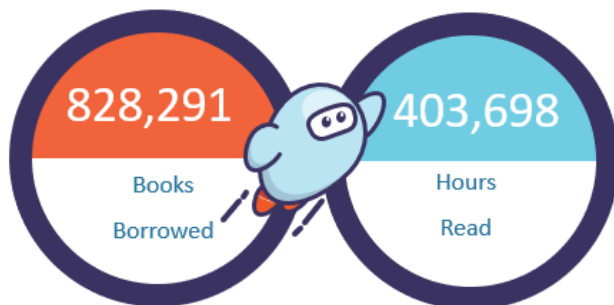
The strange happenings culminate in a shocking event at school: Gabrielle is found covered in blood in front of their deceased principal, with no memory of what happened. Cracks in their friendship, as well as in their own memories, start appearing, threatening to expose long-forgotten secrets which could change the group's lives forever. How can Blythe and her friends trust each other when they can't even trust their own memories?



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](#).

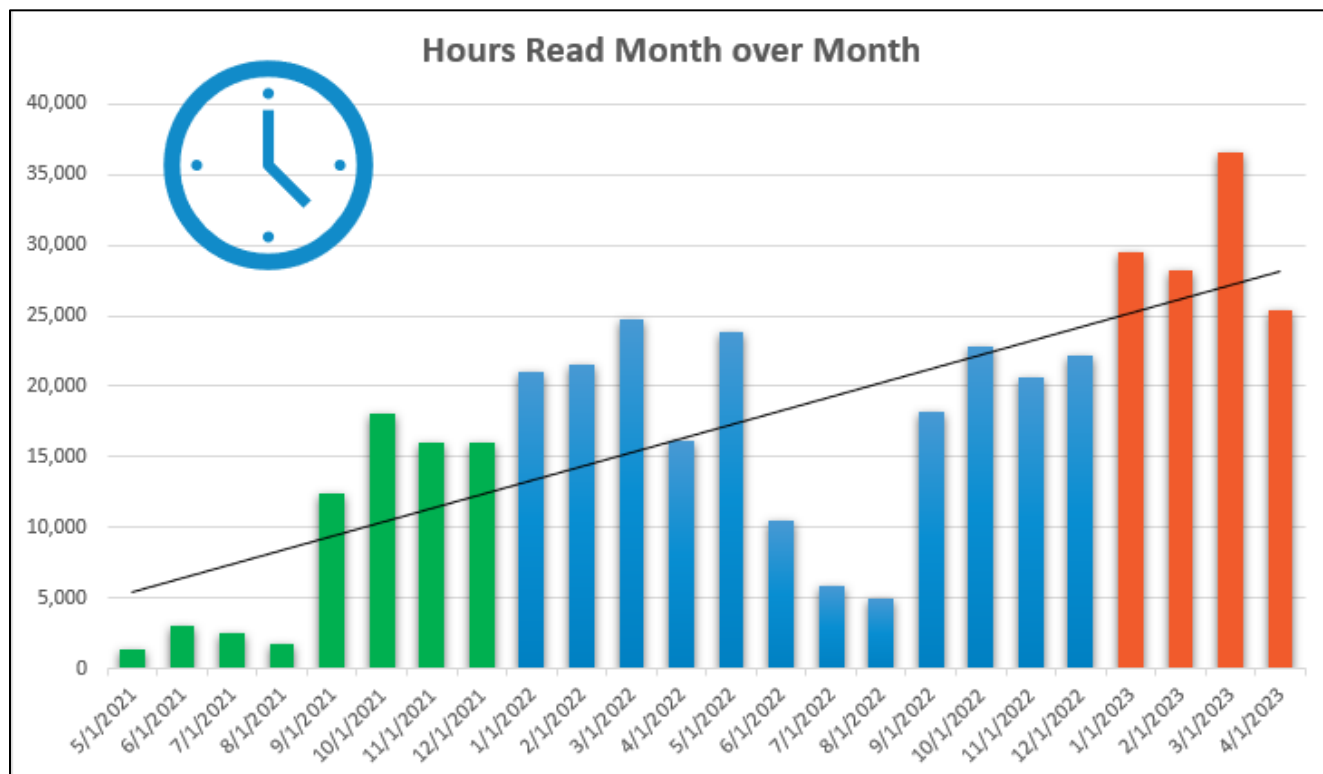
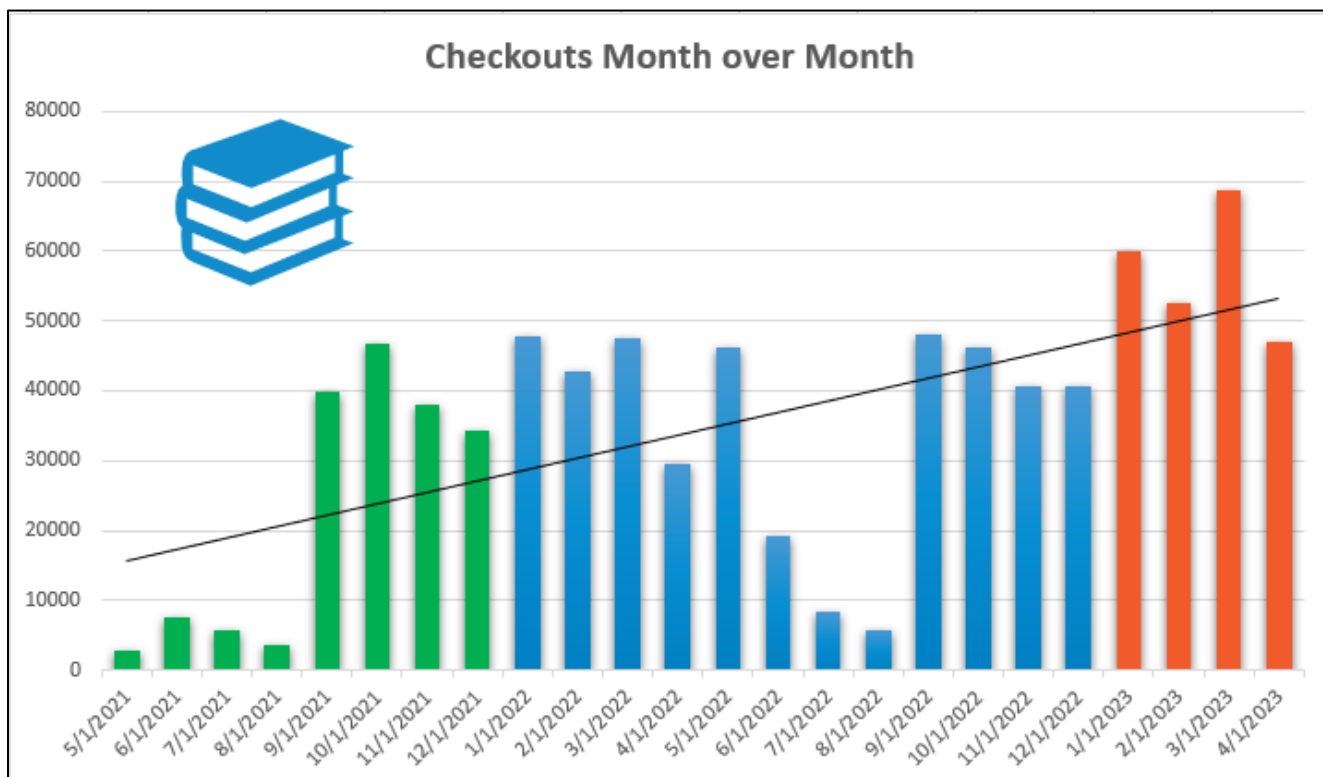
Checkouts & Hours read since inception – 5/17/2021



Let's look at 2023 data!

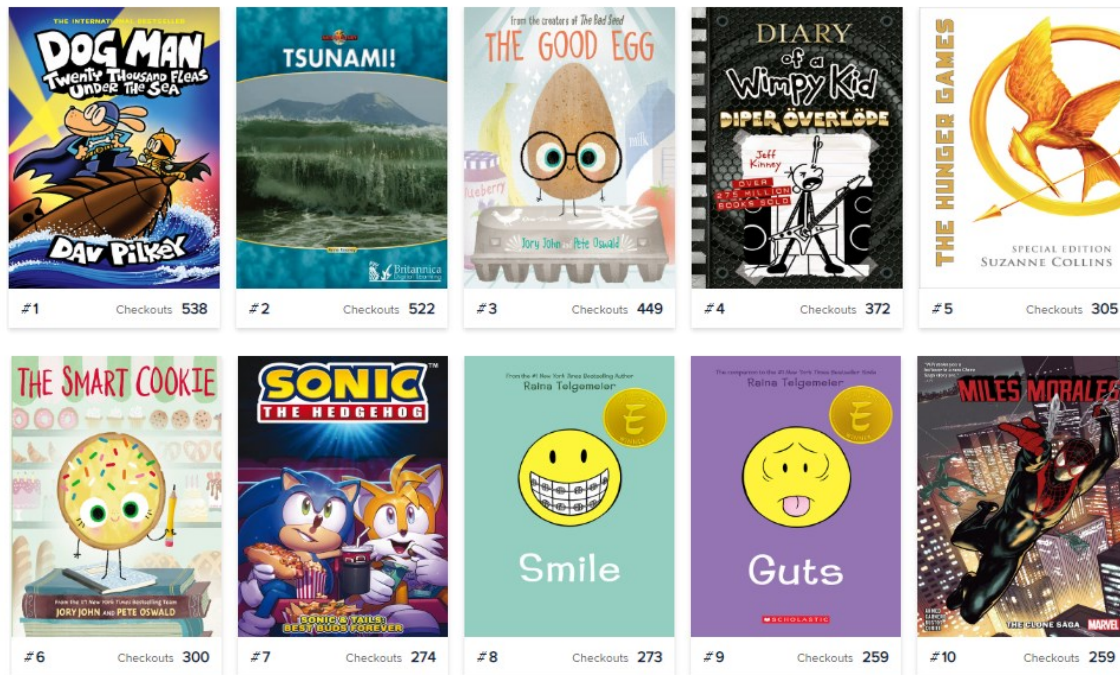
April 1 - 30, 2023

- **46,880** checkouts!
- **25,357** hours read!



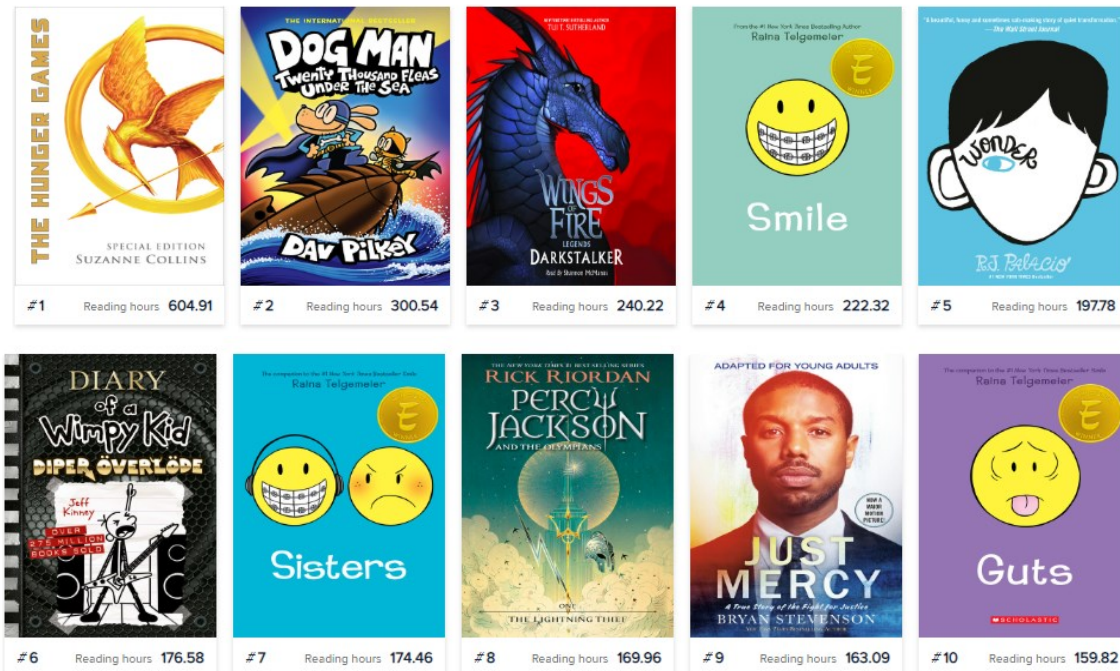
Top 10 Titles by Checkout for Month – April 2023

Total checkouts 3,551



Top 10 Titles by hours Read – April 2023

Hours read 2,409.68



Top Readers Since August 2023

Top readers for the 2022 – 2023 School Year are coming from the following districts. Congratulations for our 1st student to hit 1000 hours!

District	School	Books opened	Time read hrs:mns:sec
Indian River School District	Georgetown Middle School	167	1,003:57
Brandywine School District	Claymont Elementary School	160	919:03:00
First State Montessori Academy	First State Montessori Academy	9	840:01:00
Appoquinimink School District	Appoquinimink High School	47	804:10:00
Capital School District	Dover High School	131	777:33:00
Cape Henlopen School District	Cape Henlopen School District	59	557:34:00
Christina School District	Shue-Medill Middle School	91	519:03:00
Indian River School District	Georgetown Elementary School	7	493:10:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Conrad Schools Of Science	120	450:58:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	72	429:47:00
Indian River School District	Selbyville Middle School	118	412:27:00
Christina School District	Gallaher Elementary School	209	395:01:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	10	390:43:00
Appoquinimink School District	Cedar Lane Elementary School	176	388:40:00
Colonial School District	Gunning Bedford Middle School	42	363:34:00
Appoquinimink School District	Odessa High School	111	342:11:00
Appoquinimink School District	Cedar Lane Elementary School	191	338:22:00
Red Clay Consolidated School District	Dupont (H.B.) Middle School	68	330:05:00
Indian River School District	Indian River High School	51	329:09:00
Milford School District	Milford Senior High School	121	326:19:00

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.



[Bailey Hotujac](#)



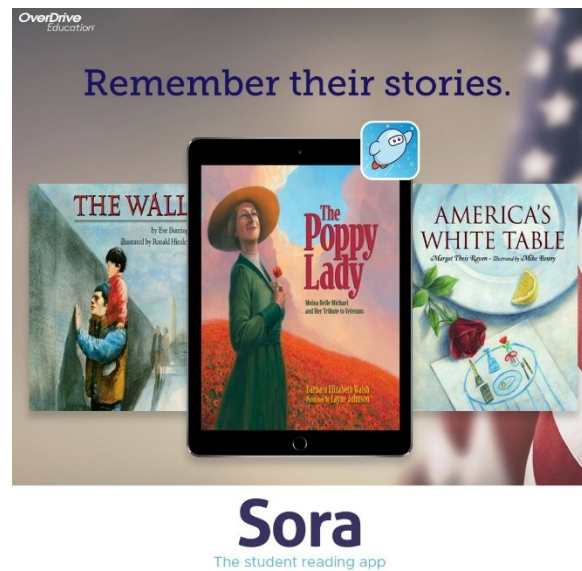
Join us for the following upcoming Webinars:

- **Sora Essentials: The Reader Experience**
 - When: May 12th, 12:00 pm EST
 - Register Here: 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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