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**Sora**

The student reading app

# Agenda

Introducing Ourselves

Curating in Record Time (Strategies)

Beating the Supply Chain

Serving the Needs of Your Community

Engaging Reading Options

Utilizing Supreme Customer Service



# Introductions

## Elizabeth Rush, MSIS

- Library Support Specialist, Northside ISD, 2017
- Librarian, 1998
  - Private Parochial School
  - Public Library
  - Charter Schools
  - Public Education



# Getting to Know You!



**At what type of school do you work?**





# Where are you in your Sora Journey?



# Introductions



## We are Northside: Parents Choose us for our Resources

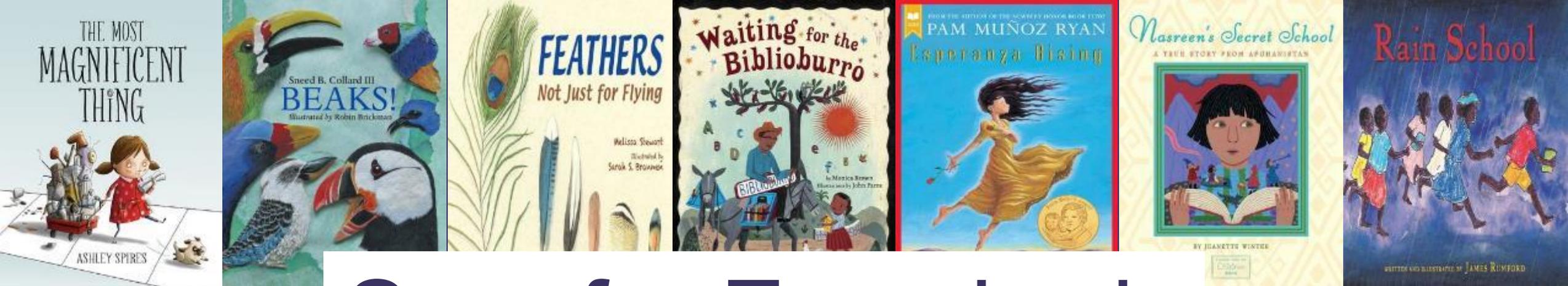
- 124 Schools and counting
- Current Enrollment 102,628
- Programs & Classes:
  - Prek-12, STEM Labs, Dual Language, Dual Credit, AP, Career and Technical, Special Education
- Every campus has a full-time Certified Librarian
- Library with an array of resources





# Sora

The student reading app



# Sora for Everybody

Students and Northside Employees



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**BIG MONEY?**

**NO!**  
**Doesn't need to be!**



# Curation Strategies



Featured:  
Sales &  
Recommended Lists

Apply Filters

FEATURED

Smart Lists

OverDrive  
Marketplace™

SHOP  
One Copy/One User & Metered Access

Shop  
Cost Per Circ  
Simultaneous Use  
Class Sets

## Shop our latest sales & recommended lists

Check out the featured sales and recommended lists curated by our OverDrive Librarians.

### Latest sales & promotions

**ESSENTIAL WINTER RELEASES**  
J/YA  
SHOP NOW

SHOP NOW  
**AUDIOBOOKS**  
WITH DIVERSE NARRATORS

**2023 World Literary Tour**  
*in Guangzhou, China for the Lunar New Year sale!*  
天才职业者访谈录  
25-50% off  
Chinese-themed content  
SHOP NOW

# Filters Aren't Just for Coffee Pots

Only show me what I don't have

Maybe I only want the audio book today

Only show me what I can own long term



# Curation Strategy Secret Weapon: Campus Librarians



# Curation Strategy Secret Weapon: Erin, Digital Content Librarian



# Beating the Supply Chain

*Nearly* Immediate Gratification of a Near Book Experience

- OC/OU Keep it forever!
- SU Simultaneous Use
- After placing an order, materials are usually available the next day



# Easily Serving Community Needs

- Sora Promotion: Resource Center Hard Copies and Digital Materials
- Reading Incentive Programs/Summer Reading Program
- Adult Continuing Education/ Professional Development/ SEL
- Special Student Populations
  - ELL, Bilingual, Dual Language
  - Visual Impairment/Dyslexia





# Newsletter on the Ready

## SoraApp.com

Sora Instructions for Northside ISD Students and Employees

What exactly is Sora all about?



How do I get started?

To access Sora, you must be a current Northside ISD student or employee.

- Open a web browser and type [Soraapp.com](https://www.soraapp.com), or
- Open the Sora App on your iPad, chromebook, or smartphone
- Click on "My school is Northside Independent School District 915"
- If you don't see that message in the green button, go to the bottom of that page and click on "I have a setup code."
- Use setup code: **johnpaulstevens**
- Sign into Northside ISD with your username, which is your student or employee id, with the leading letter.

Edit newsletter

Preview this newsletter

Print or download PDF

Visitors

2,757

Likes

24

Show Analytics

Link

PRIVATE

<https://www.smores.com/50b3j>

Newsletter Settings

Sora Smore

# Achievements 25/31 achievements earned!

# Summer Reading Program

## THE BASICS (3/3)



### Blast Off!

Open Sora and sign in for the first time



### Stellar Student

Open an assigned book



### Check It Out

Borrow a book

The screenshot shows a user profile for Elizabeth! from Northside ISD. The profile includes a 'Reading stats' section for the period from May 10, 2022, to Aug 17, 2022. The stats are as follows:

Stat	Value
Total books opened	20
Total time read	1 day 4 hr. 28 min.
Average time per book	1 hr. 25 min.
Current streak	—

A 'Custom date range' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'All time', 'Today', and 'Custom date range' (which is selected with a checkmark). The bottom navigation bar includes icons for Home, Explore, Shelf, and Me.

## SWEET READS



### Sweet Reads 2022

Borrow a book from the Sweet Reads collection



Home



Explore



Shelf



Me

# Curated Collections

Standard curation

Organize published collections

## Standard collections

Select **Create standard collection** to create automated or curated collections of titles you own, then publish them for your users to browse. This is a great way to showcase your content and boost circulation.

[Learn more about curation.](#)

[CREATE STANDARD COLLECTION](#)

## Published standard collections

These collections are visible to your users.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Mapped to	Description	Curator	Titles	Type	Collection ID	Published on
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <a href="#">Teacher's Lounge</a>	Sora - Explore	Professional Development Materials	Overdrive Admin	563	Curated	1019059	8/23/2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 <a href="#">Beginner Readers</a>	Sora - Explore	A special collection for our newest r...	Elizabeth Rush	40	Curated	1108597	8/31/2020
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <a href="#">Multi-User and Never Expiring Cont...</a>	Sora - Explore	Simultaneous Use & OC/OU Titles	Overdrive Admin	977	Curated	1251191	9/23/2021
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<input type="checkbox"/>	8 <a href="#">All Texas 2x2 Books</a>	Sora - Explore		Overdrive Admin	134	Curated	1380236	10/10/2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 <a href="#">Library Palooza 2023</a>	Sora - Explore		Elizabeth Rush	6	Curated	1401619	12/8/2022
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<input type="checkbox"/>	12 <a href="#">Available now</a>	Sora - Explore	Available now	OverDrive Administrator	n/a	Automated	187435	8/13/2018
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# Collections

23,235 ebooks

6,124 audiobooks

103 magazines

Search within

Alphabetical ▾

**134** All Texas 2x2 Books

**1,944** All-Access Comics 🌟

**103** Always Available Magazines

**27,248** Available now

**38** Beginner Readers

**28** Bluebonnet Reading List 2022-2023

**2,981** Comics & Graphic Novels

**753** Languages Other Than English

**6** Library Palooza 2023

**58** Lone Star Reading List 2022

**860** Multi-User and Never Expiring Content

**200** New audiobook additions

**200** New eBook additions

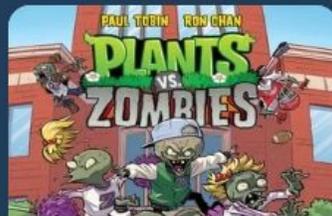
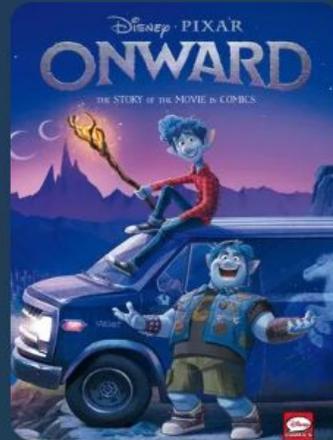
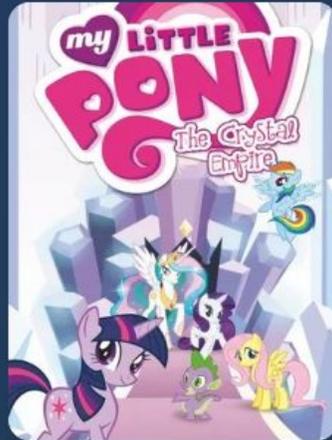
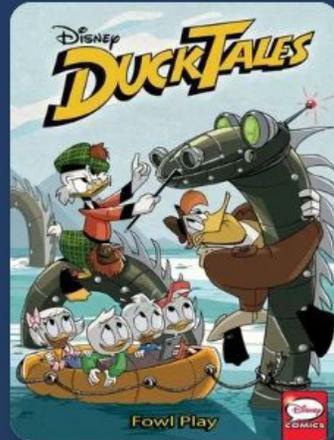
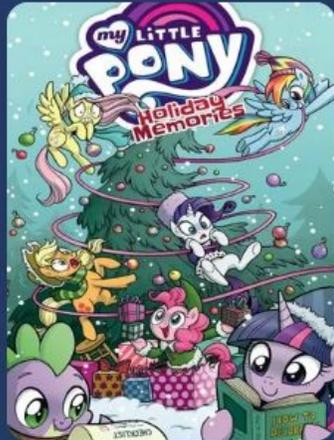
**845** Read-Alongs 🗣️

**563** Teacher's Lounge



# All-Access Comics ✨

Always Available, All the Time!



# Engaging Reading Options:

- Ebooks
- Audio
- Read-along
- Magazines
- Comics



# Supreme Customer Service Team



Joe  
Dickenson



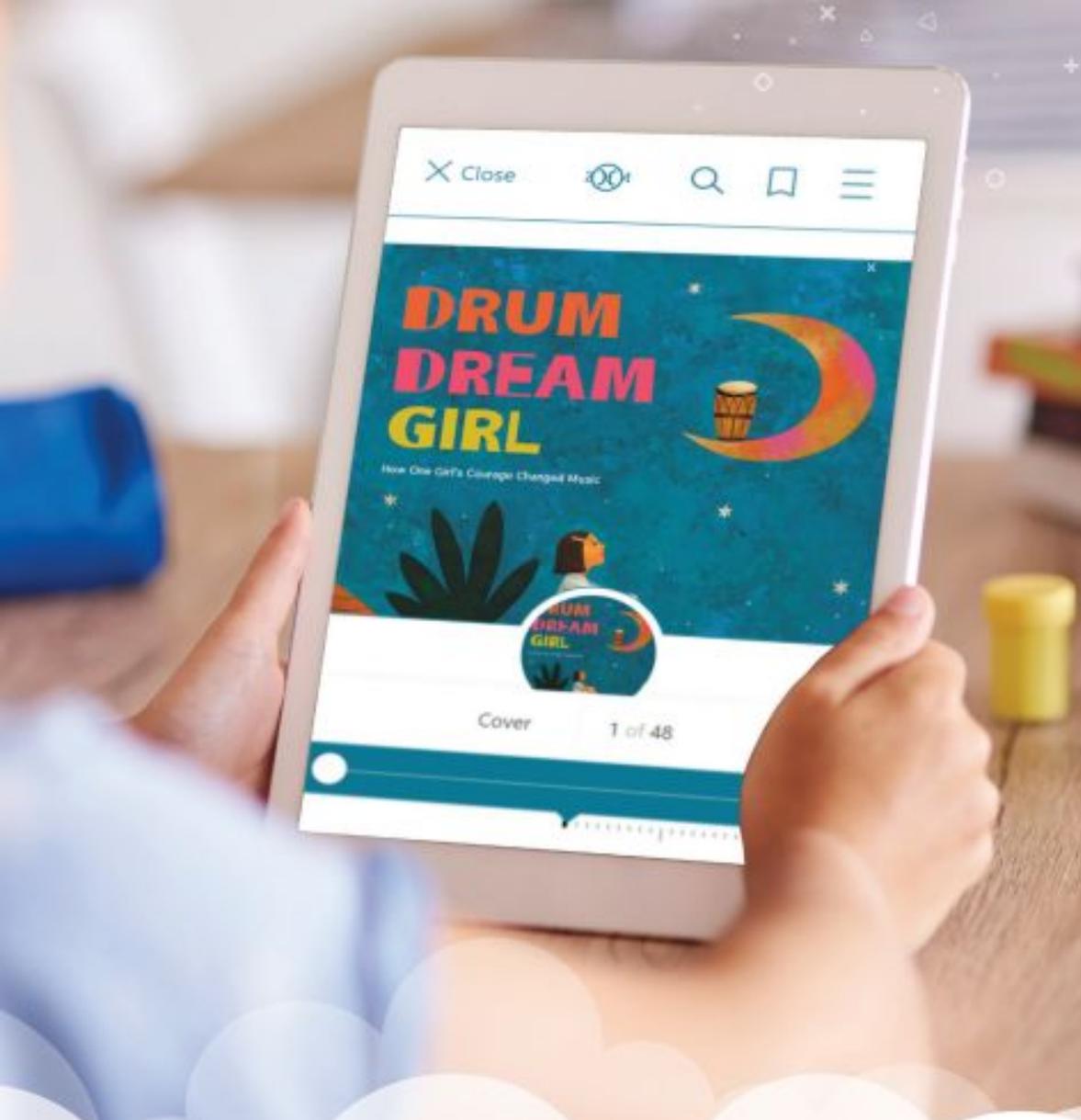
Erin  
Emser



Gina  
Close



Jack  
Darden



# Next steps

1

Activate your free Sora platform: [discoversora.com](https://discoversora.com)

2

Schedule time to meet with your Account Executive

3

Explore marketing materials & more on the [Resource Center](#)



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product  
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Samsung Tablet!**

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