

Equity in action: How consortiums help create reading equity

WHERE WE ARE

HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS





Our Promise Every student in **Highline Public Schools** is known by name, strength and need, and graduates prepared for the future they choose.

MORE ABOUT HIGHLINE

- 35 schools
 - 17,500 students
- 61% of students qualify for free/reduced priced meals
- 15% of students qualify for special education services
 - 31% of students speak a first language other than English
 - 89 languages spoken

Updated as of Winter 2023



Library Mission & Values

Highline school libraries are essential for all students to obtain an equitable education. They support all students in reaching high academic standards which will allow them to succeed in school, graduate on time and choose their future.

- Have access to knowledge and diverse perspectives.
- Develop academic skills to become effective users and producers of ideas and information.
- Learn critical digital and media literacy skills and creative problem solving techniques.
- Grow as readers and become lifelong learners.





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Highline's Journey with Sora

2019-2020

01

Pandemic expedited our need for a unified tool. Prioritized building up a collection of high-interest titles.

2020-2021

02

Continued to build up our collection. Added Advantage Accounts.

2021-2022

Focus on maintaining high-hold titles, metered access, and diversifying collection.

03

2022 +

4+

Continue to focus on maintenance.



LAST CALL

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Consortium Approach

- Allocated funding first two years to developing our district library
- Subsequent years focused on maintaining high-demand titles based on titles on hold
- Librarian Leads coordinated among librarians to identify titles that we would add; worked with Sora representatives to curate titles
- Monitored usage holds regularly

Collection Stats



Books in 12 languages



4,105 ebooks

336 audiobooks







Public Library Connect 1000+ books

Top 10 Titles by Checkouts



Top 10 titles (by time read)

Hours read 361.52





Top 10 Titles by Hours Read

Year Over Year Stats

Activity and purchases (USD)



Checkouts: Year over year



Holds: Year over year



Stats Checkouts

Holds

Advantage Accounts Approach

- Schools are allocated library budgets that are managed by the Teacher Librarian at each site
- First year focused on training on Sora; second year leaned into Advantage accounts at each site
- Allowed flexibility for sites to build up their libraries to meet the needs of their specific communities
- Many opted to share to the Consortium so all could benefit contributing to the health of our collection

QUESTIONS



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