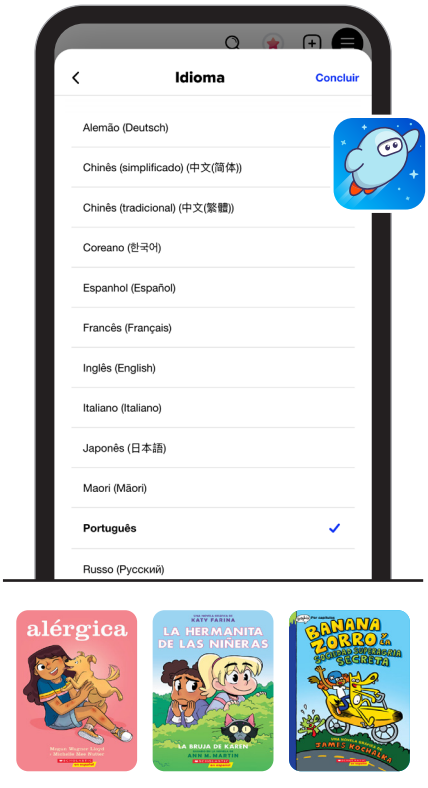
TASIS Portugal brings reading closer to home, wherever students are

Set against the hills of Sintra, Portugal, TASIS Portugal combines physical and digital resources to foster lifelong reading habits. Its collection reflects the languages and cultures represented across a diverse international community, where students arrive with a wide range of reading experiences.



Meeting readers wherever they are

For an international school, keeping up with demand for English-language books can be challenging. Beyond availability, students have diverse reading needs, whether they're building reading stamina, developing decoding skills, or benefiting from dyslexia-friendly supports.

To expand access, TASIS Portugal introduced Sora to complement its physical collection. Digital titles are integrated directly into the school's library catalog, allowing students to discover all available formats through a single search.

The librarian explains, "Students can search our catalog once and immediately see both print and digital options, making access much more seamless. That integration has helped students discover Sora very naturally as part of their regular library experience."

Students continue reading at home, while traveling, or between visits to the library, creating more opportunities to stay connected to books wherever they are.

Building a broader reading culture

The added flexibility has helped strengthen reading engagement across the school. Students can maintain momentum with their favorite series even when physical copies aren't available, while audiobooks and accessibility support provide new pathways into reading.

	2022-2024 avg.	2025-2026 avg.
Ebook Usage	95%	86%
Audiobook Usage	5%	14%

Audiobook use grows as students embrace different ways to read

Audiobooks represented about 5% of checkouts from 2022-2024. By 2025, audiobook circulation nearly tripled to 14% and remained strong in 2026.

Teachers use ebooks and audiobooks to support independent reading, curriculum, and leisure reading. Staff have noted that they've noticed some hesitant readers become more willing to explore books after finding a format that works for them.

As the librarian puts it, "sometimes the right book, available at the right moment and in the right format, is enough to spark a lasting connection with reading."