

*A service from The NYC Department of Education*

Open a world of reading

Sora, the student reading app, provides the quickest and easiest way to read hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks on virtually any device.

**Get step-by-step instructions, training, multilingual resources, videos and more:** [**discoversora.com/nyc**](https://discoversora.com/nyc)

# How can students and staff login to Sora?

Any student or staff with a DOE Account can use that User ID & Password to login to Sora.

Learn more about how to find your User ID or reset your password here: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learn-at-home/technical-tools-and-support/doe-student-accounts>

# Can students use Sora to access their local Public Library?

DOE students using SORA can easily connect to all the NY Public Libraries.  Or for those outside NY, students can connect and borrow from public libraries in NJ and elsewhere. This video reviews how to add a public library in Sora: <https://resources.overdrive.com/adding-a-public-library/>.

**What books are available to DOE students?**

The initial pilot includes the Sora Starter collection of over 200 always available books. This collection of titles will be available through the 2020-2021 school year. Over the summer, the collection also includes Sora Sweet Reads. The full list can be found here: <https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/discover-sora/sora-starter-collection/>.

# Content Access Levels/ Age Appropriate Content

We are currently working with DOE to enable a feature through student logins that prevents younger students from seeing age inappropriate content at the school collection and public library collection.

All mature adult will be hidden through the Public Library.

# Audiobook SYNC Program

If you're already signed into Sora through the SYNC program, you can add NYC schools by clicking Add a public library in the upper right-hand corner, searching for NYC, and then following the sign-in process.

Learn more about the AudiobookSYNC Program here: <https://company.overdrive.com/2020/04/29/sync-audiobooks-for-teens-returns-for-2020-offering-no-cost-access-in-sora/>.

# What’s the difference between Sora, Libby, and Classic OverDrive?

Sora is the new and improved app from OverDrive that was made specifically for schools and the student experience. The Libby app is intended for public library patrons only.

# What if I’m a non-public or academic school?

If you are an NYC school and are not included in this initial pilot, you can request your own Sora platform here: <https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/discover-sora/>.

# Can titles in Sora be integrated into Learning Management Systems, Federated Search platforms, and other Catalogs?

This is a feature we support at OverDrive. DOE and OverDrive will provide additional information in the future.

# Can I transfer digital titles purchased from other services to Sora?

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# How do I add more content?

NYC DOE is starting with a collection of always available books, available to students at home and on vacation. In the future, the DOE will discuss procurement and expansion on how you can individualize choices for content.