

Welcome to OverDrive's Session!



- Before we get started, please take a moment to complete our survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6320192/2021-ISTE-5>

- One lucky attendee will be selected to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet at the end of our session!



***Getting Books in
the Hands of
Students During an
Ongoing Pandemic***



District Overview

Jackson Public Schools is the second-largest school district in Mississippi, serving nearly 21,000 scholars, representing more than 80 percent of school-aged children in the state's capital and only urban municipality. Jackson, Mississippi has about 170,000 residents in an area of 104 square miles.



53 school sites

7 high schools, 10 middle schools, 32 elementary schools, and 4 special programs.

Schools are divided into 7 feeder patterns.

Get books into students' hands!

Learning Loss!!!!

- Dilemma 43 Libraries – Closed to Students/Beginning of Pandemic
- Library Usage/COVID – 19
 - No Students
 - Packet Pick ups
 - Device issue
 - Have or have not
 - Librarians submitting proposals to help our students continue reading while out indefinitely
 - Limited Free eBooks



Strategies to get books into student's hands!

- Library Consistency
 - All meant All Librarians
 - All Schools Closed
 - All librarians have to encourage students and parents to use Myon.
- Librarians Portal – COVID 19 Folder
- How to get back all overdue books!
- **MDE – Help** Elizabeth Simmons: Ed. S. School Library Specialist
Office of Elementary Education and Reading



MDE – Strategies

Mississippi Department of Education Library Services

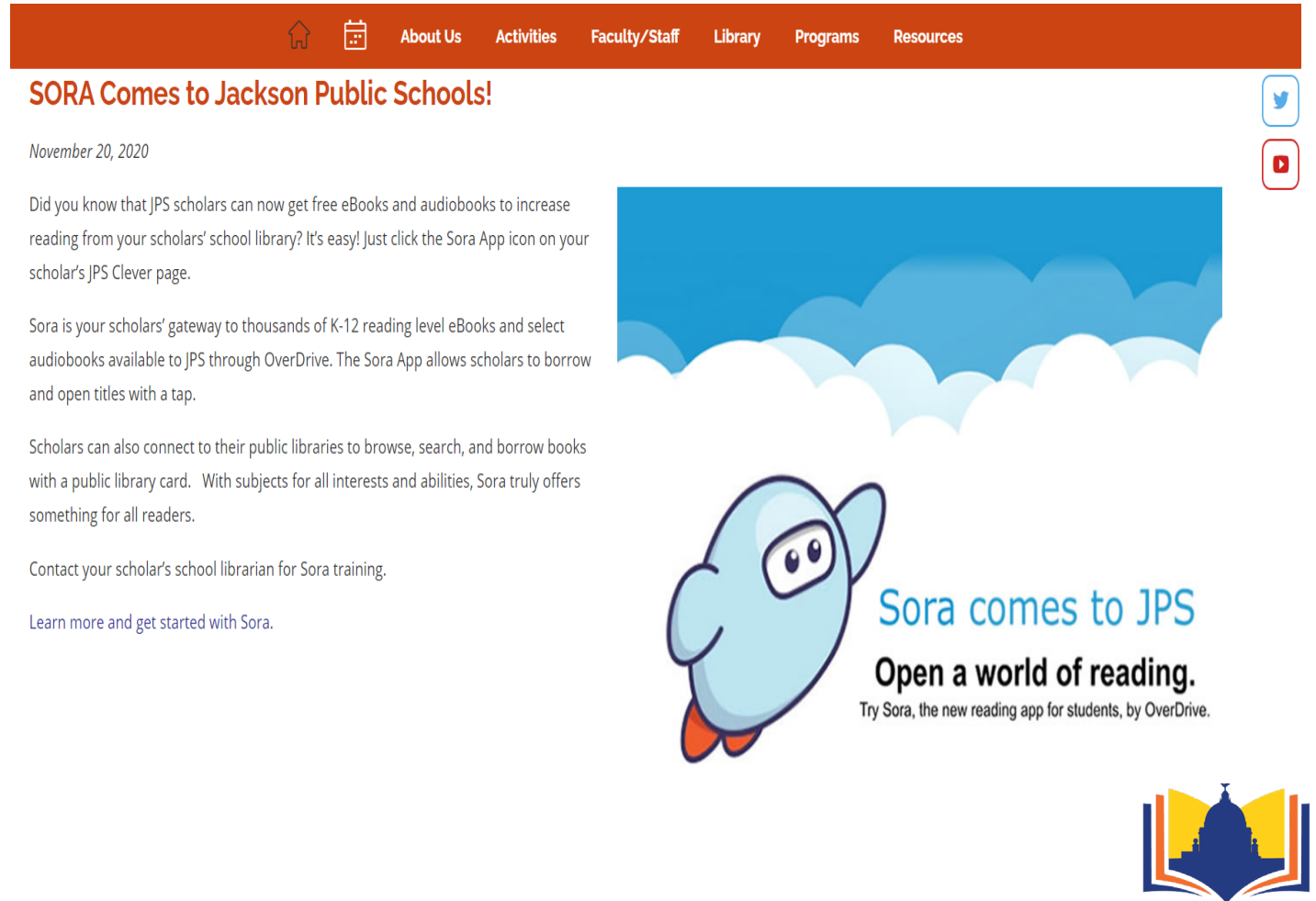
Schools not opening

- Ways to help students, teachers, librarians and school community.
- PreK-4th and 5th – 12th grades library lessons
- How to create a virtual school library.
- A MDE resource link - <https://mdek12.org/LearningAtHome>
- Summer "learning" resources and activities, which included reading lists and activities
- **School Library Re-Entry Plan for the next year.**
 - **purchasing ebooks**
 - **creating a virtual presence**
 - **library lesson plans**
 - **check out procedures**
 - **copyright/ fair use information.**



Strategies

- Beginning of School Year all Virtual
 - eBook or Digital Library
 - myOn & AR (Accelerated Reader)
 - Reading Implementation Programs
- Choice: Virtual, Face to Face, Hybrid Learning
 - SORA
 - Library Book Checkouts



The screenshot shows a webpage with a dark blue header containing navigation links: Home, Calendar, About Us, Activities, Faculty/Staff, Library, Programs, and Resources. The main heading is "SORA Comes to Jackson Public Schools!" in white. Below it is the date "November 20, 2020". The text describes how JPS scholars can now get free eBooks and audiobooks through the Sora App. It mentions that the app allows scholars to borrow and open titles with a tap. It also states that scholars can connect to their public libraries to browse, search, and borrow books with a public library card. The page includes a cartoon rocket character and the text "Sora comes to JPS Open a world of reading. Try Sora, the new reading app for students, by OverDrive." Social media icons for Twitter and YouTube are visible on the right side. At the bottom right is a logo featuring a stylized building and an open book.

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SORA Comes to Jackson Public Schools!

November 20, 2020

Did you know that JPS scholars can now get free eBooks and audiobooks to increase reading from your scholars' school library? It's easy! Just click the Sora App icon on your scholar's JPS Clever page.

Sora is your scholars' gateway to thousands of K-12 reading level eBooks and select audiobooks available to JPS through OverDrive. The Sora App allows scholars to borrow and open titles with a tap.

Scholars can also connect to their public libraries to browse, search, and borrow books with a public library card. With subjects for all interests and abilities, Sora truly offers something for all readers.

Contact your scholar's school librarian for Sora training.

[Learn more and get started with Sora.](#)

Sora comes to JPS
Open a world of reading.
Try Sora, the new reading app for students, by OverDrive.

Getting Books in the Hands of Students?

- District Federal Funds - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief **Fund** (ESSER) I Funds
- SORA – Overdrive
- \$45,000.00 – Three Year Subscription – eBooks and Audiobooks



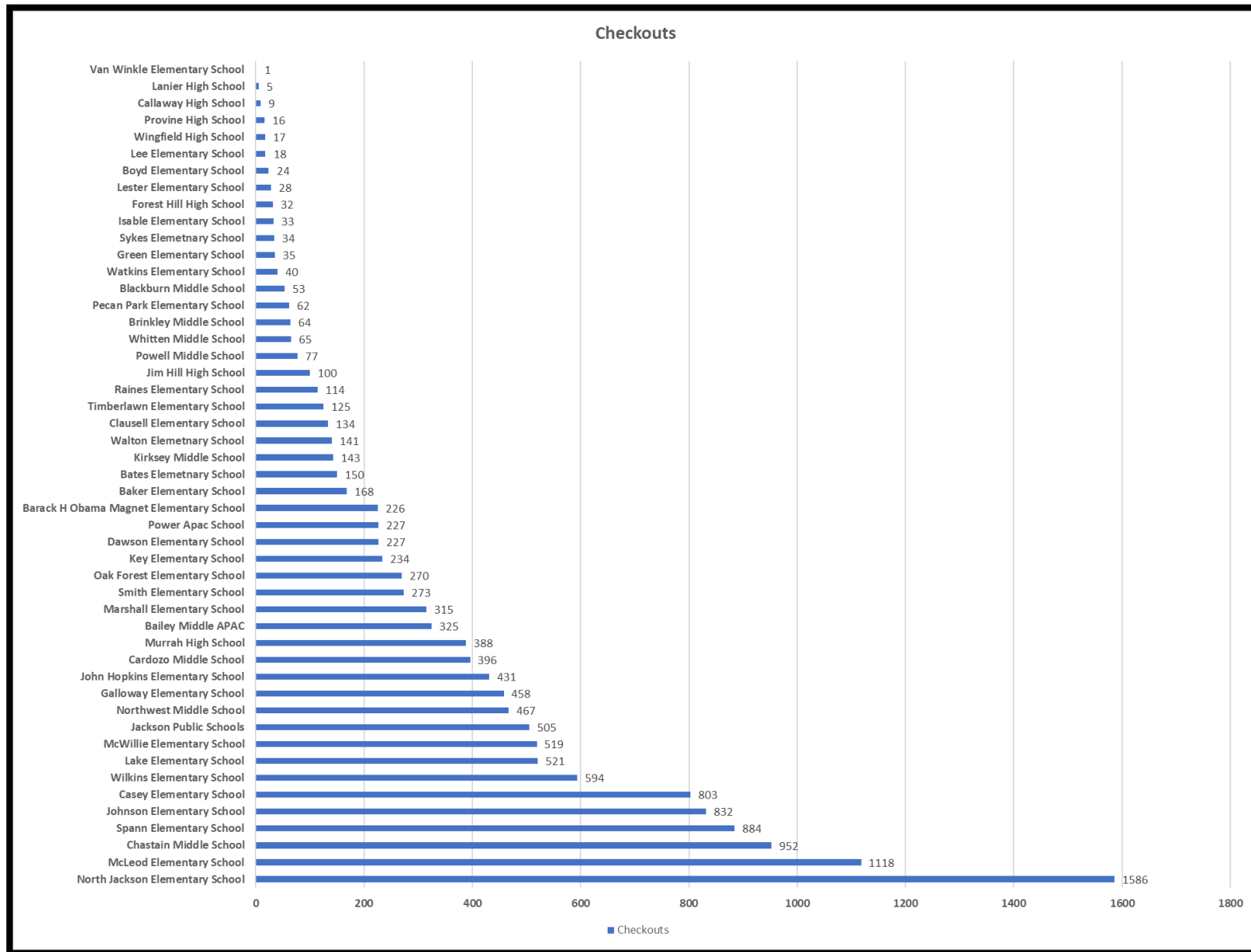
SORA – District Reading

I. Admin Usage

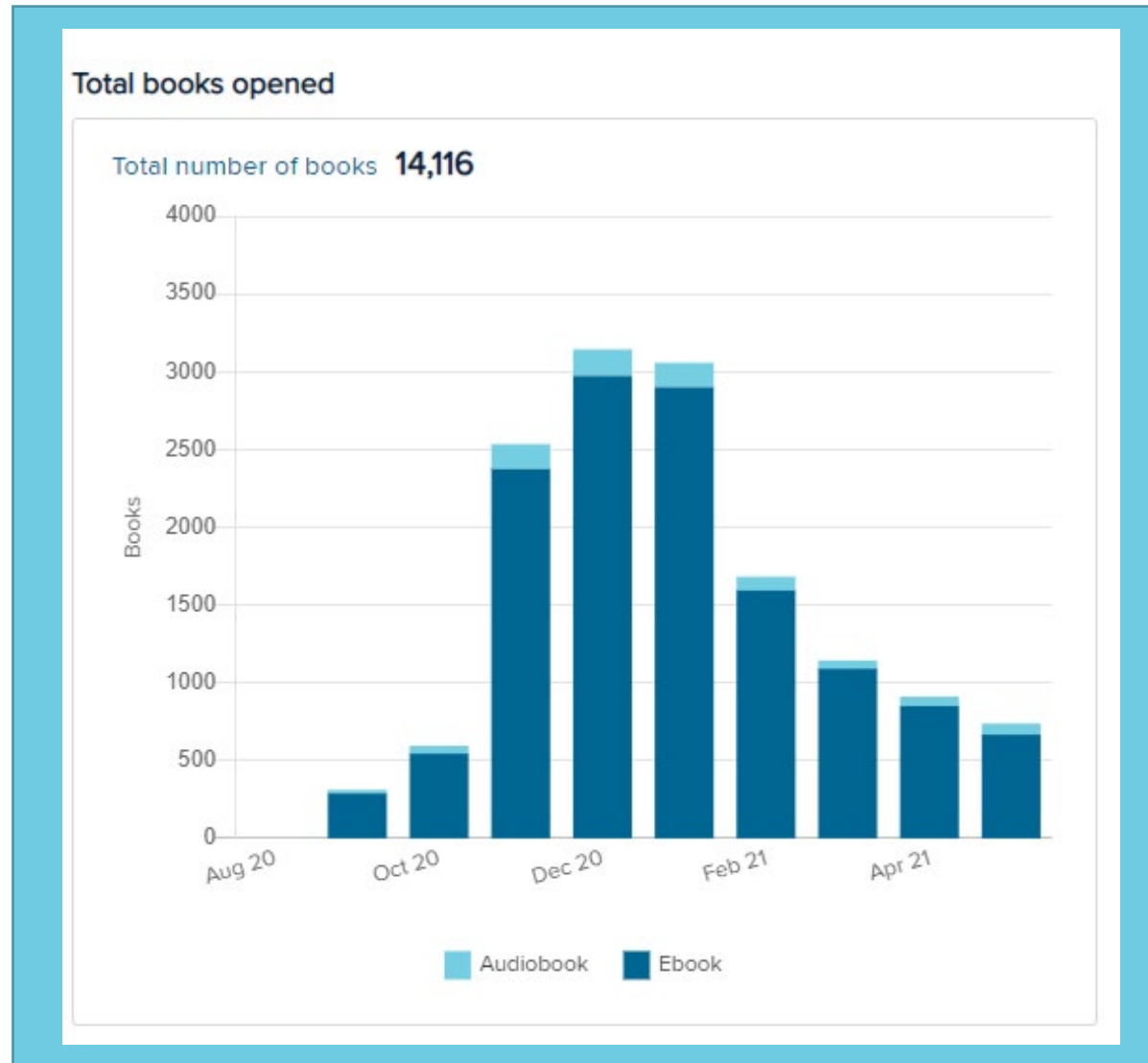
- Reports of District Usage
- Holds and titles to renew
- News, Billing & Support
 - Conferences & Workshops Available
 - Balance of Remaining Funds
 - Ongoing Support -Integration merge between Overdrive and Insignia (library circulation system)



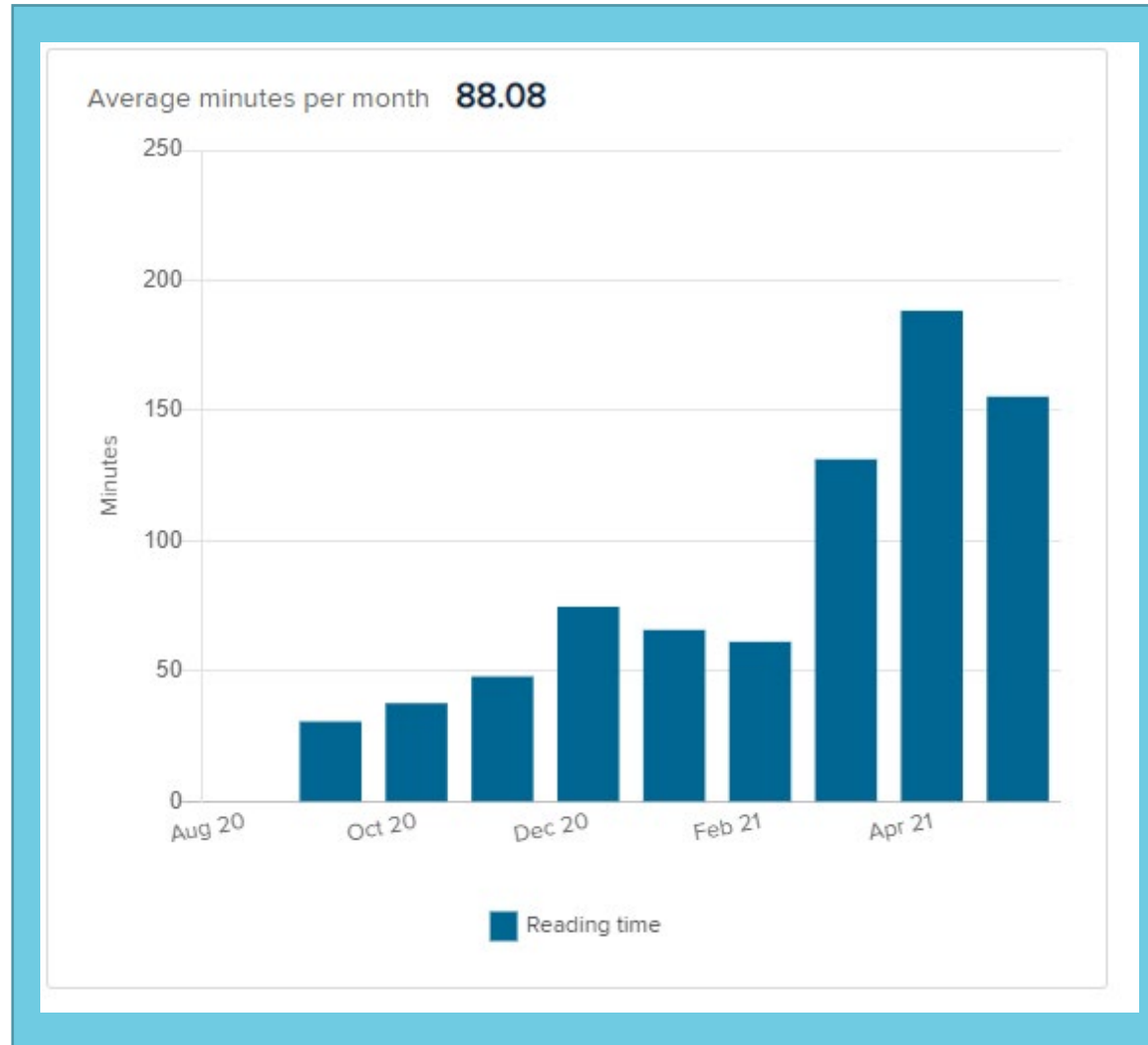
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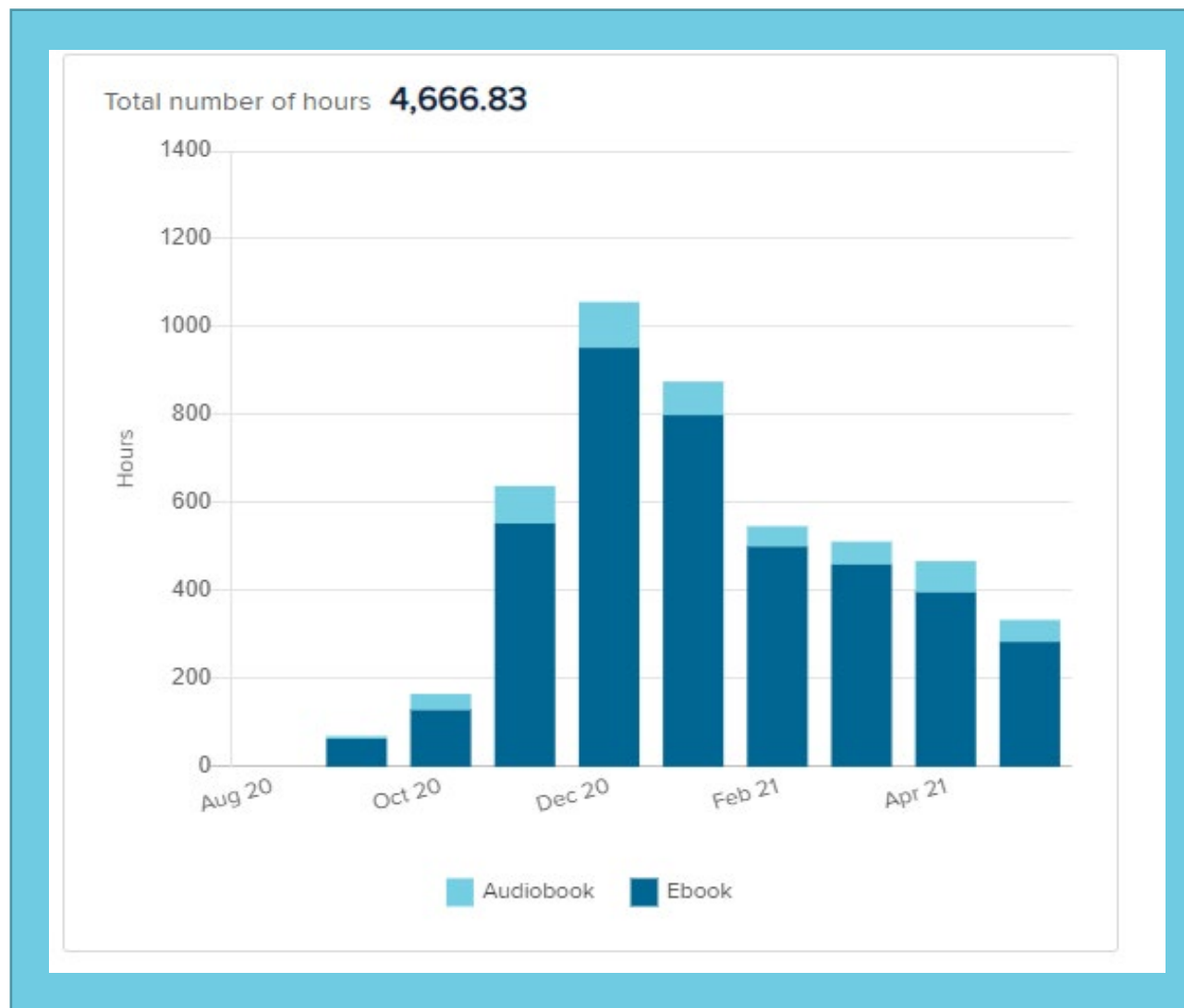
SORA – Total Books Opened (School Year)



SORA – Average Minutes Per Month



SORA – Hours Spent Reading



SORA – District Reading

II. Librarian User Accounts

- Assign titles or books to students
- See SORA Activity

SHOP
One Copy/One User & Metered Access

INSIGHTS

ADMIN

CURATE

NEWS

BILLING

SUPPORT

FEATURED

GET HELP ?

Title assignments

When you assign a title in your collection to students, you choose the number of students to receive the title, and how long they'll have it. This way, multiple students can read the same digital title at the same time, and you don't have to worry about availability. To learn about getting started with title assignments, [visit this help article](#).

[View list](#) | [View calendar](#) | [My assignments](#) | All assignments

Active (0) | Scheduled (0) | Complete (5) | Needs more copies (0) | Error (0)

CREATE ASSIGNMENT

Search by title

— Booked

Format: Ebook

Scheduled by: Trinette Frazier-Brown

Start date: 3/25/2021

End date: 3/31/2021

Total copies owned: 1

Copies in this assignment: 1

Email address(es): trbrown@jpsms.org

[View details](#)

+ Ghost

+ Legendborn

+ Long Way Down

+ Punching the Air

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Punching the Air						
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SORA – District Reading

III. Student Usage

- Overdrive titles can be seen in the district library OPAC

The screenshot displays the 'Teacher Resource Center OPAC' interface. At the top, there is a header with the logo, 'Teacher Resource Center OPAC', a language dropdown set to 'EN', and a user profile for 'Jeanette Whisenton'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Account', and 'Events' icons. The main search area features a search bar with 'Sunny' entered, and dropdown menus for 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject'. To the right of the search bar are buttons for 'Search', 'Simple', 'Kids', and 'Help', along with radio buttons for 'And', 'Or', and 'And Not'. Below the search bar is a 'Refine Your Search' sidebar with filters for 'Type of Material' (eBook (2)), 'Subject' (Comic and Graphic Books (1), Juvenile Fiction (2), Juvenile Literature (2)), 'Author' (Holm, Jennifer L. (1), Reynolds, Jason (1)), and 'Series' (Sunny (1), Track (1)). The search results section shows 'Local' results with 'Search Results: Returned 2 Results, Displaying Titles 1 - 2'. The results list includes 'Sunny' by Reynolds, Jason (2018) and 'Sunny Side Up : Sunny Series, Book 1' by Holm, Jennifer L. (2015). Both results are marked as 'eBook' and 'OVERDRIVE' titles. Each result has a 'Click here to view' link and a 'Metadata Source: OverDrive' note. To the right of each result are buttons for 'Add Review', 'Add To Favorite', 'Text Me', and 'More'.



Effective Learning Experiences For Our Students

- District Summer Reading Program
- Funding Is Essential
 - Inquire & Ask
- Effective Lessons and Learning Plans
 - Face to Face – Priority /Consistency in Practice and Plans
 - Virtual – What Could Happen(NEED)





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And the winner is ...