My District's Journey to Digital Book Success

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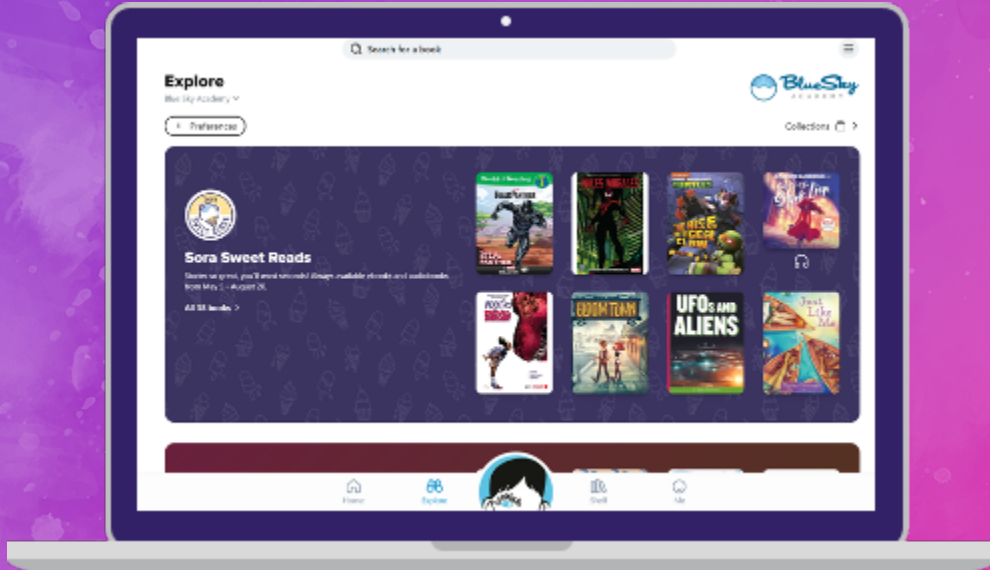
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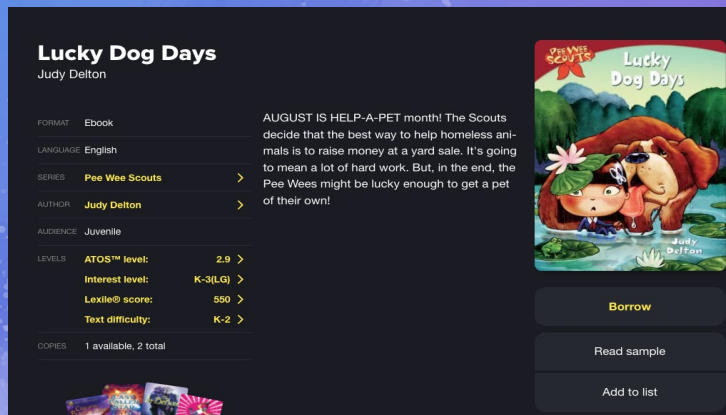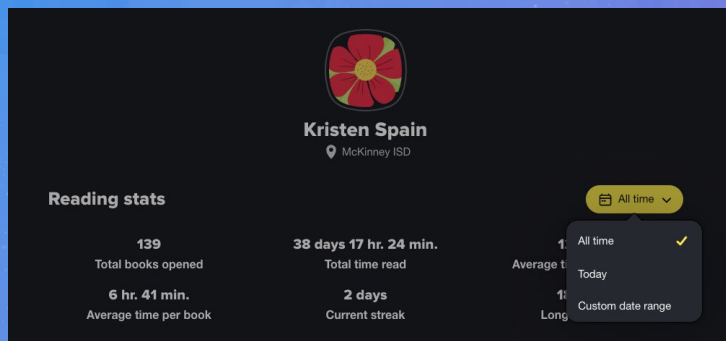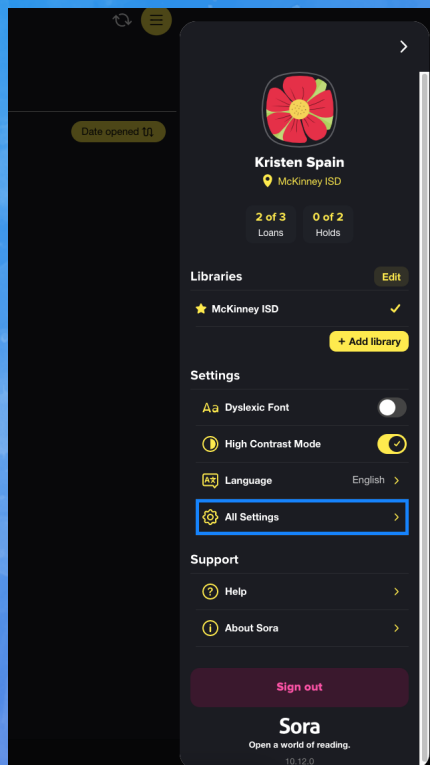## WHAT IS SORA?

Sora is the best way for students to access your school's digital collection.

soraapp.com or download the app

Sora Features

- Single sign-on
- Multilingual interface
- Easy browse and borrow
- Title assignment capabilities
- Offline access
- Student reading data
- Public library digital collection access
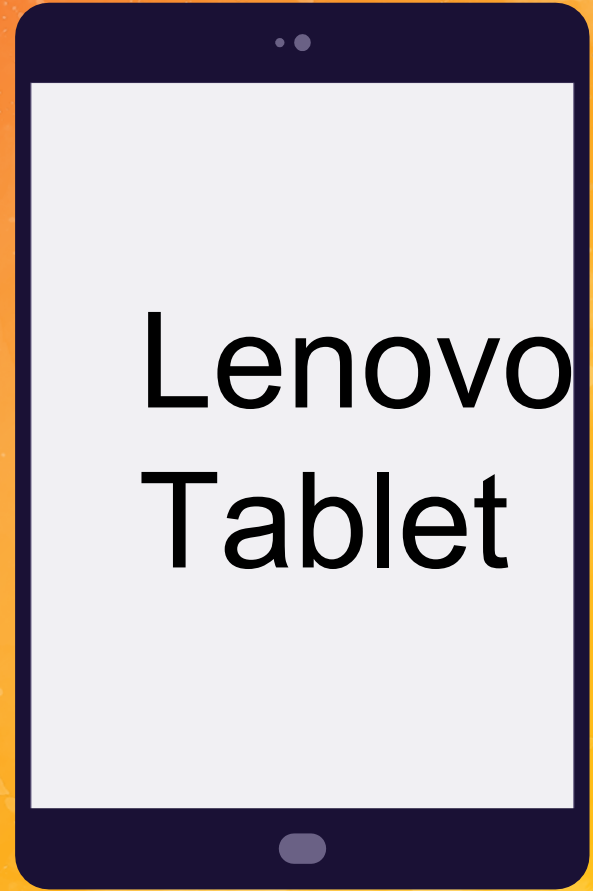
How we got started

- Region 10 Conference 2011
- MEF Grant $8,000 for content
- Plus $1,200 from each of our PPA budget for start up fees/platform
- Secondary Campuses Only 3 years
- Each of us purchased titles for the collection

Phase 2

- Elementary campuses added
- Set amount budgeted from each campus at the beginnin[g] year
- Campuses could purchase additional content for the sha[red] collection

Enter to win →

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Current Process

- 3 Representatives purchase titles for the district elementary, middle, and high school
- Set budget still in place
- Budget is divided up into four quarters
- Curated carts are built for us each quarter by Erin, our Overdrive Content Specialist

Curated Carts

☐ Other Expired/ing	☐ Q2New/Popular Titles	☐ Unowned TayshasAudio	☐ UnownedLoneStarAudio
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- Curated carts may include expired titles, holds titles, new/popular titles
- Sometimes carts are curated by level (juvenile, young adult, and adult)
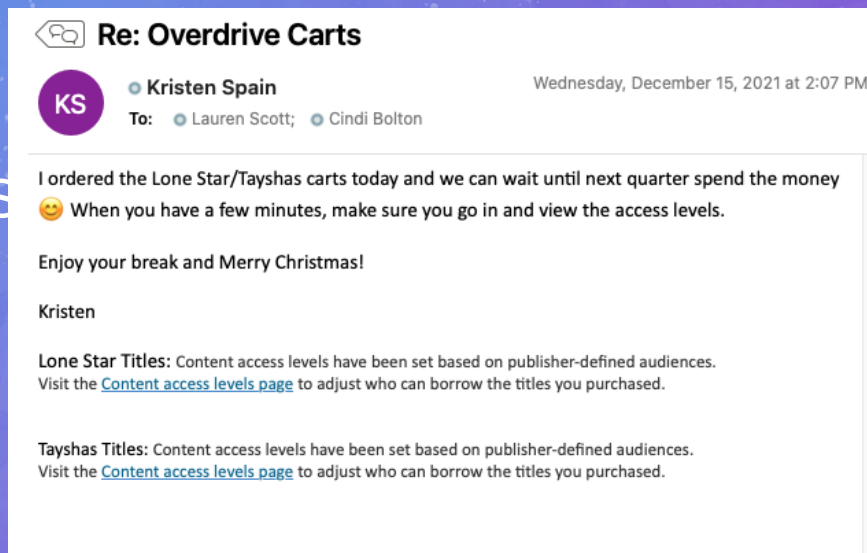
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Additional Purchases

Additional content is created/purchase by the 3 representatives for that quarter if there is budget money left

Access Levels

Once the carts are purchased, the middle school and elementary MRS go in to make sure the content access levels are correct for each title.
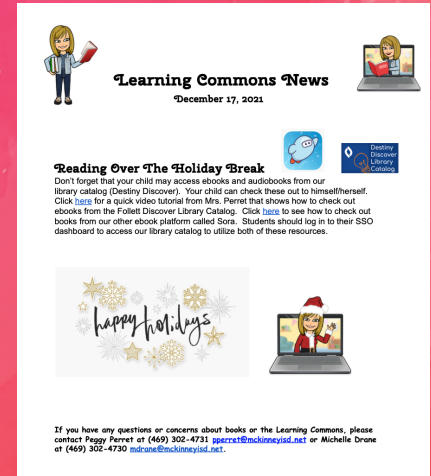
Advantage Plus Accounts

- Every campus has an Advantage Plus Account
- Content can be purchased specifically for that campus or can move it to the district shared collection
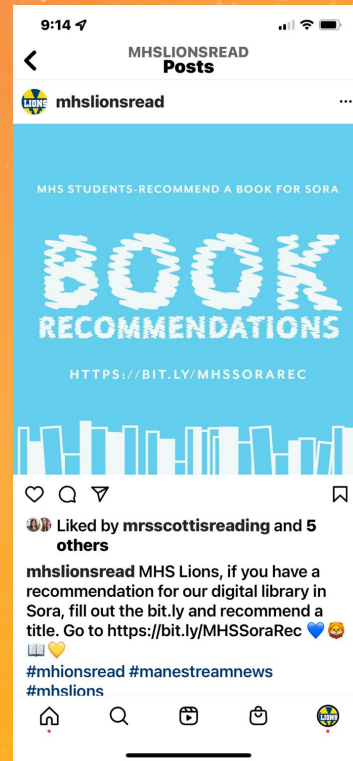
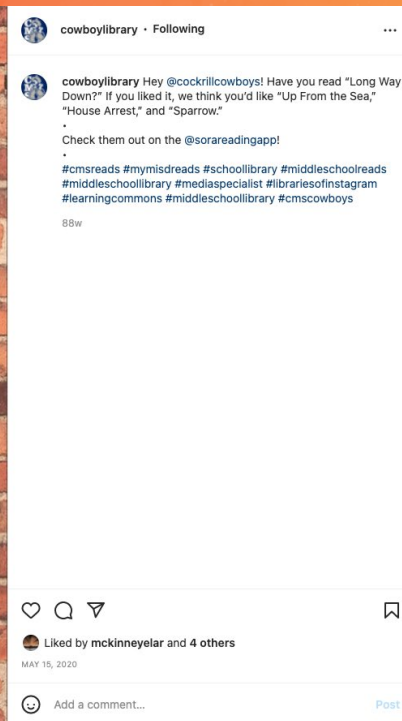# Promoting Sora — Elementary Examples

Elementary Reading Challenge

World Read Aloud Day

Morning Announcements Slide

Learning Commons Newsletter

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12 Days of Techmas site created to highlight different tech tools for teachers and students

Thanks

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Raffle Time

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