


SELF-PACED CURRICULUM FOR STAFF

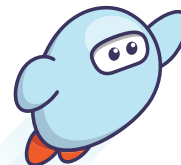
Get started with Sora, the student reading app, and see how it can benefit you and your students.

This self-paced curriculum is intended for librarians and educators of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

>>> Discover Sora

Sora is a student reading app. It connects you and your students with ebooks, audiobooks, read-alongs, and more – on virtually any device, 24 hours a day.

 [Intro to Sora](#) (5 minutes). See what's possible with Sora!



>>> Access Sora

You can use Sora on virtually any device.

- Download the Sora app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#), OR
- Visit Sora in your web browser at soraapp.com.

No matter how you access Sora, you'll have the same great experience across devices and your titles will sync between them!



>>> Sign into your school's digital library

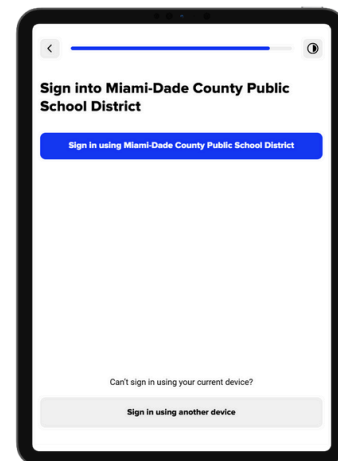
You and your students can sign into Sora with existing school credentials.

To sign in:

1. Visit <https://soraapp.com/library/dadeschools> in your web browser.
Or, download the Sora app and enter setup code: **dadeschools**
2. Select **Sign in using Miami-Dade County Public School District**.
3. Sign in with your **SSO**.



M-DCPS SSO



Tip: Share your direct Sora link and/or setup code to help students log in quickly!







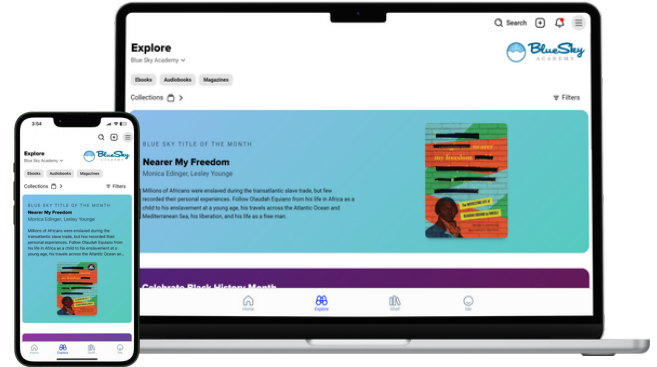
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>>> Navigate Sora


Sora is organized into four main tabs:

-  Home
-  Explore
-  Shelf
-  Me



>>> Browse and borrow digital titles

With Sora, you can find your next great read.

The titles in your school's digital library live on the  **Explore** tab.



 [Browse collections and search for titles](#) (1 minute). Scroll through collections of titles or search for a book to read.

When you find a title you'd like to read, tap to **Borrow** the title. It will open right away so you can begin reading.

Some titles may be checked out by another student. If there's isn't another copy available, you'll be prompted to **place a hold**. This adds you to the wait list for the title.

Try this!

1. Sign into Sora with your school credentials.
2. Search for a title or browse the collections on the Explore tab.
3. Borrow a digital title.

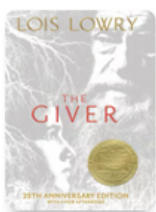


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Enjoy ebooks & audiobooks

Discover what's available in:

Ebooks



- ▶ [Begin reading](#)
- ▶ [Define, bookmark, highlight, & annotate](#)
- ▶ [Customize reading settings](#)
- ▶ [Read to Me](#)

Audiobooks



- ▶ [Begin listening](#)
- ▶ [Navigate an audiobook](#)
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Manage loans & holds in Sora

You can find titles you've borrowed and placed on hold on the  **Shelf** tab in Sora.

Titles return automatically on their due dates, so you never have to worry.

- ▶ [Manage loans](#) (1 minute). Return early, renew, or mark as done.



Pro Tip!

You can check whether your loan has downloaded so you can read or listen **offline**.



- ▶ [Take action on holds](#) (2 minutes) When your hold is available to borrow, you'll be notified.



Optional: Enable [browser notifications](#) or [device notifications](#) for Sora to ensure you never miss out when a hold is ready to borrow!

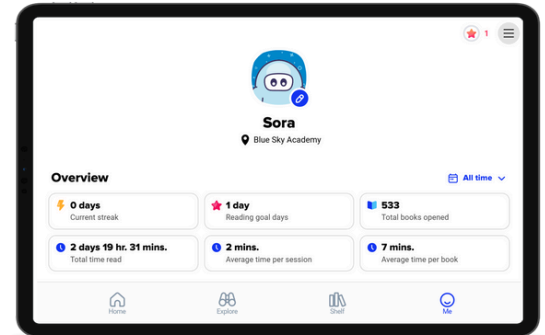


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>>> Take the next step

Go beyond the basics and explore Sora features that can support you and your students, whether you're reading for class or for fun!

- ▶ [Set a Sora reading goal](#) on the **Main Menu** (1 minute).
- ▶ [Check reading statistics](#) on the **Me** tab (1 minute).
- ▶ [Export notes & highlights](#) on the **Home** tab (2 minutes).
- 📖 [Add a library](#) in the **Main Menu** (eLearning module).
- ▶ [Adjust app-wide settings](#) (3 minutes).



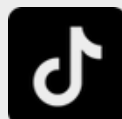
>>> Promote Sora to students

Try these quick tips to help your students discover digital reading in Sora:

- [Share direct links in Sora](#) to help your students find the books they want and need.
- Use [custom Sora promotional materials for Miami-Dade County Public Schools](#).
- See what other schools are doing! Check out [past School Stars winners](#).



The ***OverDrive Resource Center*** is your Sora success center! Browse and download marketing & outreach materials, training, collection development resources, and more.



HAVE QUESTIONS? *Contact your Sora team today!*