



# Soar with Sora

Monthly Newsletter

June 2023 | Delaware Accelerate Learning  
Digital Collection

## Welcome!

In this edition, your Sora Team has collected product tips and tricks, data highlights, training events and resources to help you save time and use digital books in the classroom.

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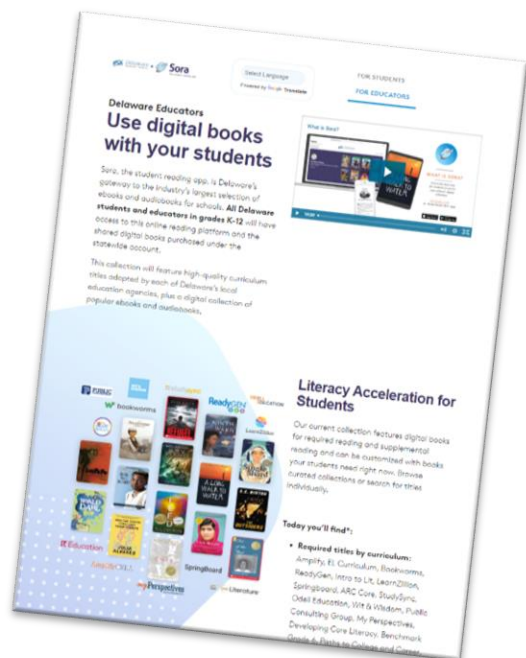
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## Reminder: Save your reading data by July 31<sup>st</sup>

One of Sora's greatest benefits is that it tracks student reading time. And your admins can see the data at the student level. Whether you're tracking for summer reading or checking through the year, the student dashboard in OverDrive Marketplace allows you to see how your students are reading.

To protect students' privacy long-term, the dashboard resets on August 1. That means **you must export the data by July 31 to have it for future use.**



## Summer Reading Activities

Sora remains available to your students 24/7 through the summer. So, how do you send kids off to break ready to keep reading? Here are some ideas to keep up your reading stats over break!

## Reading competitions:

Encourage your students to read more this summer by providing structured activities. Or incentivize them based on time spent reading with the dashboard. Here are some reading challenges you can print and share:

- Summer Reading BINGO ([download here](#))
- Sora Sweet Reads Summer Reading Challenge ([download here](#))

## Road Trip Fun for the Whole Family

Listen to a Sora audiobook on your summer road trip! The whole family can enjoy reading together on the way to your next adventure.



- Browse these [Audiobooks for Road Trips](#) in Sora!



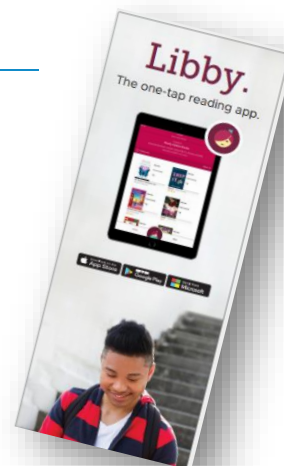
*Action Item: Students can sign up for the **Delaware Libraries** summer reading program, [All Together Now 2023!](#)*

## Graduate to Libby

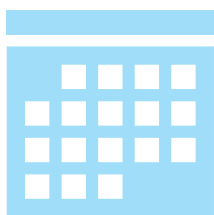


Congratulations to the Class of 2023! As they move on to the next chapter of their lives, they still have the option to access ebooks and audiobooks through their local library. They can transition from the Sora App to the Libby App. Here are some resources to help.

[Download these bookmarks to help graduating seniors find Libby!](#)



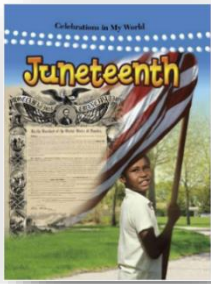
## Think Ahead: Plan Your Fall Sora PD



Getting the most out of Sora starts with awareness! Help your teachers start the year feeling comfortable with Sora. From understanding the mechanics to building their lesson plans to take advantage of digital, a Sora PD is a must.

Whether you need resources to host your own PD sessions, want to provide teachers with on-demand options, or reserve a live Zoom session with OverDrive staff, we've got you covered!

Lock in your dates now! Contact Bailey ([bhotujac@overdrive.com](mailto:bhotujac@overdrive.com)) to get on the calendar today.

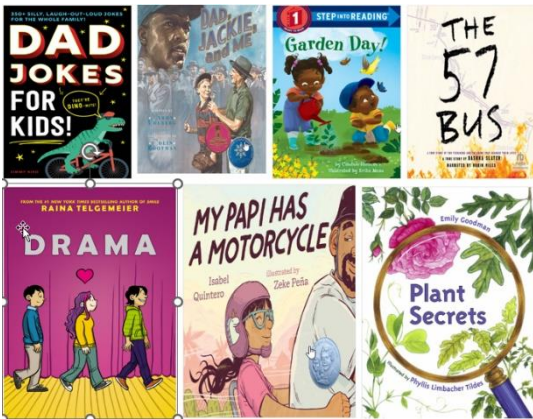


## June Featured Title: *Juneteenth*

By Lynn Peppas

Every year on June 19th, people of all backgrounds celebrate the day that African Americans were freed from slavery in the United States. People mark the occasion by gathering at parks for picnics and to hear music. There are even rodeos that celebrate famous black cowboys! Young readers will be fascinated to learn about the history of the Civil War and the law that freed the slaves.

## Updated seasonal curated collections.



- [How Does Your Garden Grow](#)
- [Hurray! It's Father's Day!](#)
- [Celebrate P.R.I.D.E.](#)

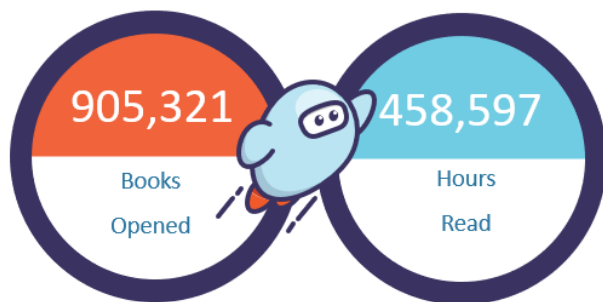
**Updates to Curriculum:** All HQIM lists have been updated. To quickly find your required read via Sora, simply search for a title via the Search bar, scroll through the EXPLORE page, or click on Collections & search for your HQIM.

Missing something? [Use this form to request titles for Sora](#). You can also email your Sora Librarian, [Sarah Wilsman](#), with questions.

## Data deep dive: Who is reading & Top 10

Congratulations on completing another school year. It's so exciting to see how much reading Sora has brought to schools across the state! The latest data is below, but you also have access to this data for your district. If you would like to learn how to access your own usage data, please reach out to [Bailey](#).

### Checkouts & Hours read since inception – 5/17/2021



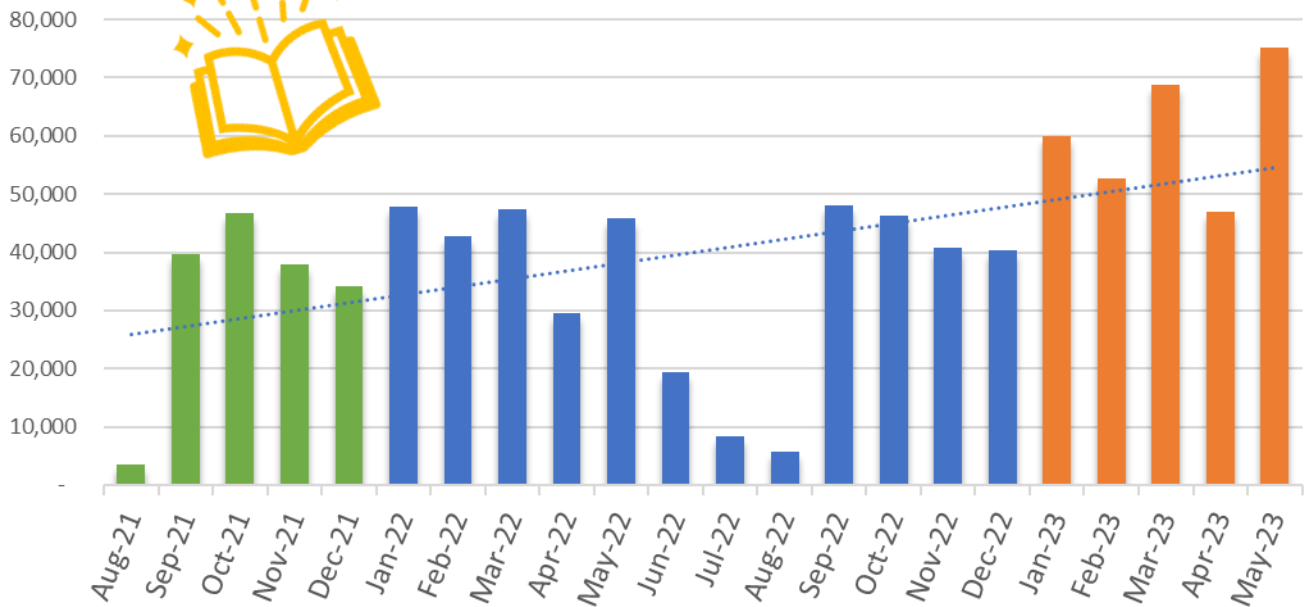
### Let's look at last month!

May, 2023

- 75131 checkouts!
- 39,304 hours read!

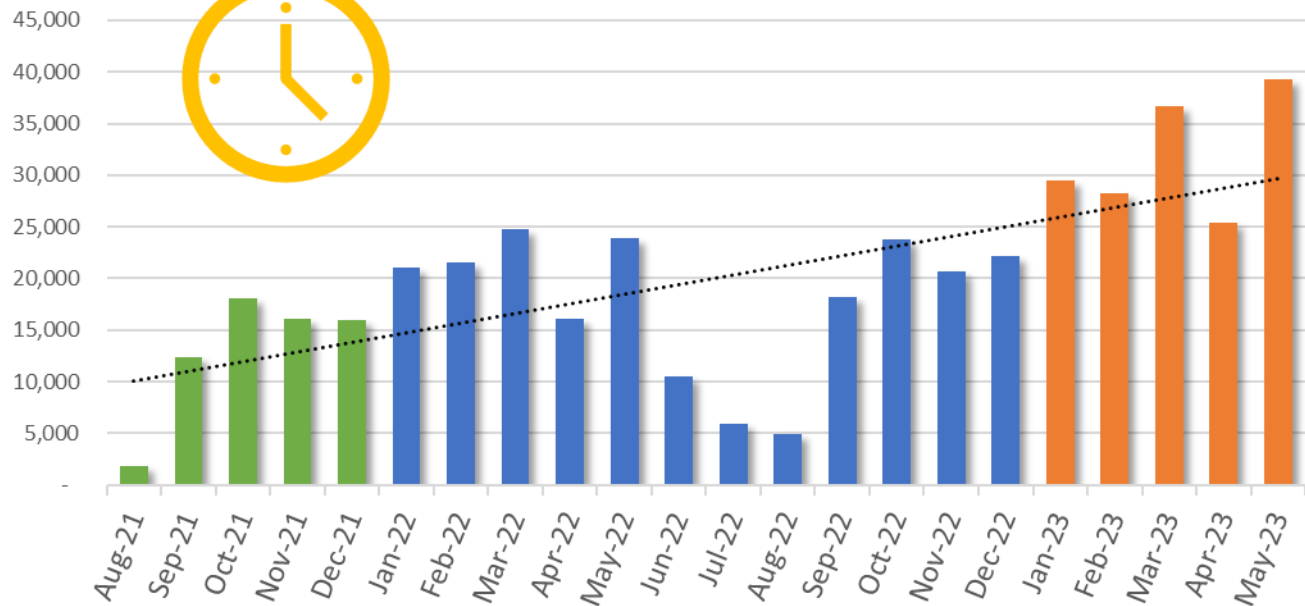
## Checkouts in Sora

Aug 2021 - May 2023

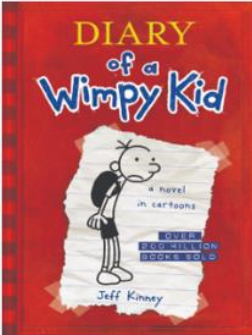

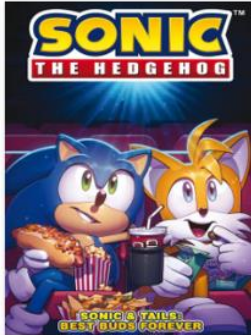
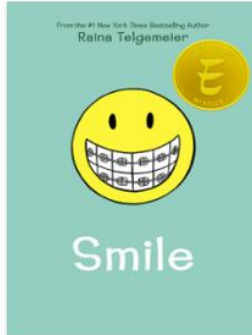
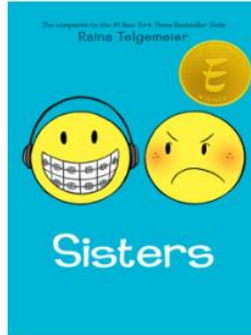
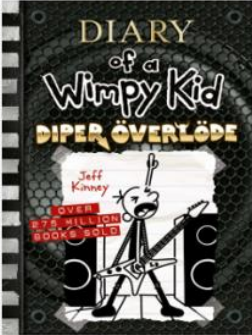
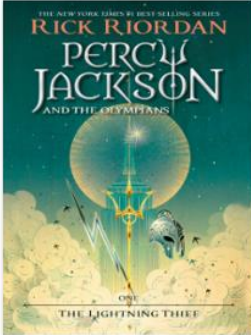
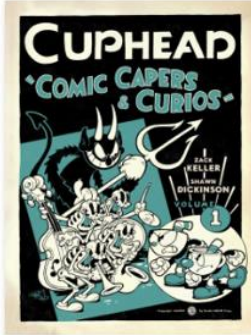




## Hours of Reading in Sora

Aug 2021 - May 2023



## Top 10 Titles by Checkout for Month – May 2023

 <p>#1 Checkouts 11,547</p>	 <p>#2 Checkouts 9,218</p>	 <p>#3 Checkouts 4,700</p>	 <p>#4 Checkouts 4,333</p>	 <p>#5 Checkouts 3,550</p>
 <p>#6 Checkouts 3,216</p>	 <p>#7 Checkouts 3,137</p>	 <p>#8 Checkouts 2,910</p>	 <p>#9 Checkouts 2,807</p>	 <p>#10 Checkouts 2,752</p>

## Top 10 Titles by hours Read – May 2023

 <p>#1 Reading hours 6,256.16</p>	 <p>#2 Reading hours 4,786.67</p>	 <p>#3 Reading hours 4,767.18</p>	 <p>#4 Reading hours 4,527.74</p>	 <p>#5 Reading hours 3,666.94</p>
 <p>#6 Reading hours 2,956.27</p>	 <p>#7 Reading hours 2,733.65</p>	 <p>#8 Reading hours 2,446.39</p>	 <p>#9 Reading hours 2,375.94</p>	 <p>#10 Reading hours 2,241.76</p>

## Join us for the following upcoming Webinars:

- **Sora Essentials: The Reader Experience**
  - When: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm EST
  - [Click here to register](#)

## Use social media to engage more students.

Link social media graphics to the digital collection:

<https://soraapp.com/library/deschools>.



**Thank you for reading!**

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