TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR DISTRICT- AND SCHOOL-LEVEL COLLECTIONS WORK HAND-IN-HAND

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL – MARYLAND

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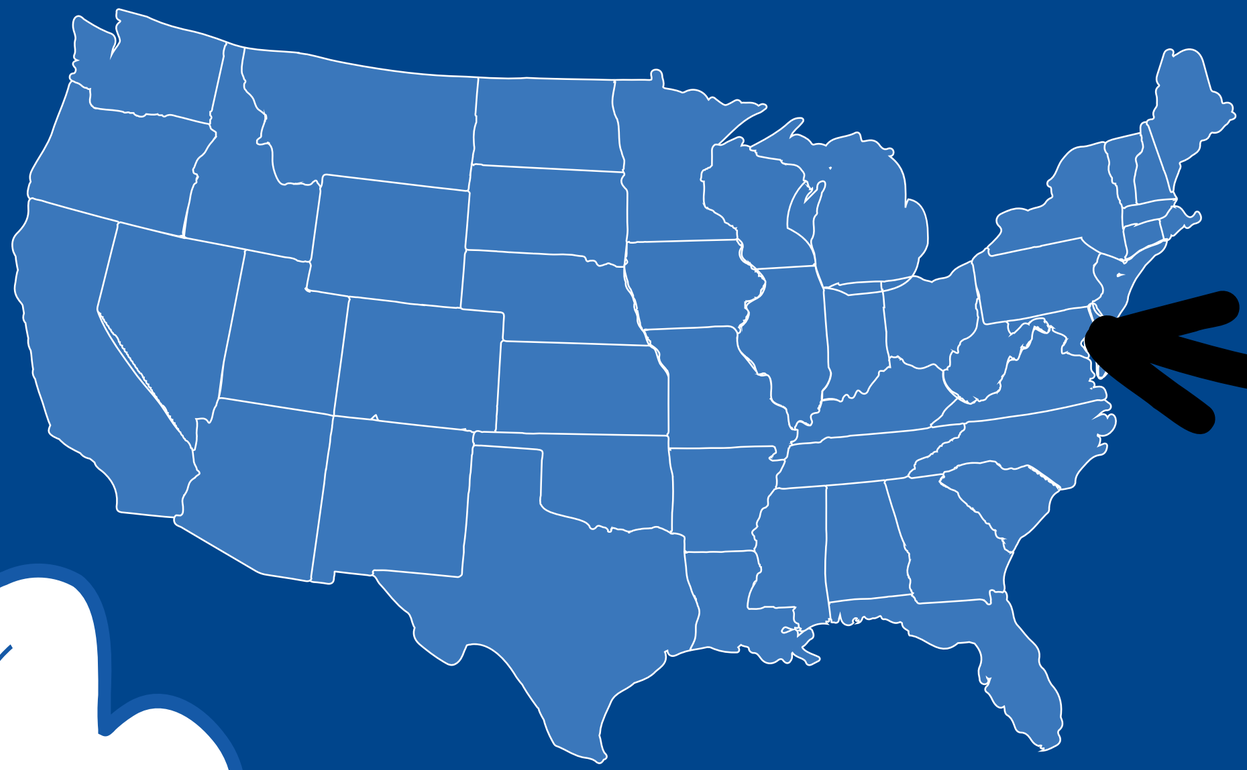
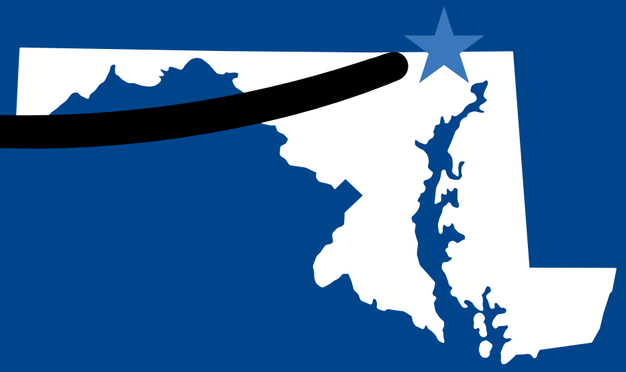


38,000+ Students

5,000+ Staff

1:1 student ratio to devices



HOW WE GOT STARTED (FALL 2019)

Maryland Consortium Presentation about SORA

- [x] NO HOSTING FEES
- [ ] INTEGRATION WITH CLEVER AND OUR CURRENT LMS
- [x] INTEGRATION WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
- [ ] ABILITY TO FILTER TO APPROPRIATE AGE LEVELS
- [x] QUICK TURNAROUND AFTER PURCHASING--BOOKS AVAILBLE IN LESS THAN AN HOUR!

OUR JOURNEY
PHASE ONE (SPRING 2020)

- Elementary, middle, and high librarian selected as a SORA lead for implementation
- Each lead developed a list of “Must- Have” books
  - Popular
  - Curriculum connections
  - Award winners
  - Diverse titles
- List was shared with each respective level of librarians for feedback
- Sora leads compared lists looking for duplicates

LENDING MODELS

One Copy One User (OCOU)
You own one copy of the book, single access. Never expires. (Like a paper book)

Metered Access (MA)
Like OCOU but you only have them for a limited time. Can be by date, by number of checkouts, or a combination.

Cost per Circ (CPC)
You pay each time that a book is checked out. You set up a budget for your Cost per Circ titles. Unlimited Users.

Simultaneous Use (SU)
Unlimited users, expire after a certain amount of time.

Class Sets
Book is assigned to a particular student for a set period of time. Book cannot be transferred once assigned.

OUR JOURNEY
PHASE TWO (FALL 2020)

- Librarian training on SORA
- Librarians introduced SORA to students K-12
  - Elementary – all students during scheduled library class
  - Middle and High—introduced during English classes
- Faculty introduction
  - Newsletters
  - Video introduction
  - Faculty meeting
- Parent introduction
  - Newsletters
  - Video introduction

PARENT DIRECTIONS

SORA (www.soraapp.com)

Sora is a reading app that allows K-12 students to borrow ebooks and audiobooks from their school's digital collection as well as from the public library collection. After signing up and linking their public library card, students will have access to thousands of ebooks and audiobooks!

Directions to Setup Acccount:

Video Instructions

Go to the web address: **www.soraapp.com**

1. Click on **Find my school**
2. If you don't see Harford County Public Schools listed, click on **My school isn't listed**.
3. Click on **Harford County Public Schools**
4. Click on **Sign in using Harford County Public Schools**
5. Click on **Log in with Active Directory**
6. Type in your username (username@student.hcps.org) and password

https://bit.ly/2Ewck9k

If have a Harford County Public Library card, go to next step to link your card to Sora.
If you **don't have a Harford County Public Library Card**, follow these directions to apply:

Applying for a Harford County Public Library Card

Video Instructions

Directions for Parents:

1. Go to web address: **https://hcplonline.org/policies.php#getacard**
2. Under Digital Library card, click on **Apply Online**
3. Select your Home Library from dropdown menu and enter your postal code
4. Enter your **child's** information on the form
5. **Be sure to write down your pin#** (This is usually the last four digits of your phone number)
6. Click on submit
7. Your child's digital **library card number** should be assigned. You will need to write that down in order to borrow books and for the next part of the lesson. (The next time you visit your local branch, you will be able to get your child's actual card, but in the meantime, your child can use their number to use digital resources.)
8. If you have any questions or technical difficulties in applying, please contact your local branch.

https://bit.ly/2QqL7r3

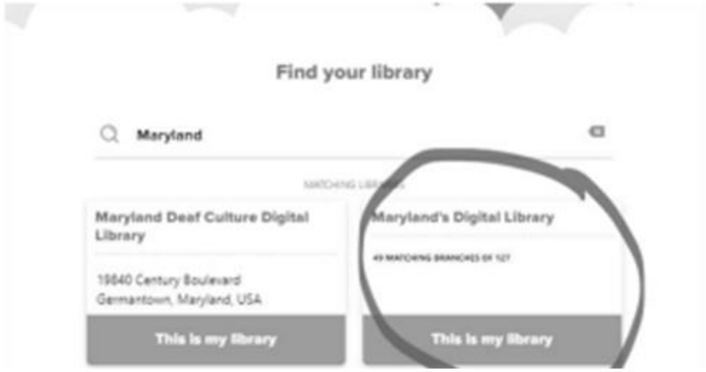
Turn over for directions to Link your Public Library card to Sora

LINKING PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

Linking your Harford County Library Card to Sora

1. Click the "hamburger" icon in the top right of your screen. (Three horizontal lines)

2. Select the green plus to "Add a Public Library."
3. Search for "Maryland's Digital Library"
4. Click the green box "This is my library" below "Maryland's Digital Library"



Video Instructions

https://bit.ly/34yWaGZ

Features of Sora and Searching for Books video:

https://bit.ly/3jeMxS0

OUR JOURNEY

PHASE THREE (FALL 2021-PRESENT)

- Librarians purchase ebooks and audio books for their own school
- Purchasing class sets of ebooks (curriculum connections)
- SORA Leads
  - Continue to purchase for district using data from HOLDS, award winners, etc.
- Library Program Team
  - Met with SORA to view Comics and Magazines
  - Winter purchase of Comics and Magazines
- Library Level Leads
  - Review Comics before newly added titles appear for users
- School implementation of Comics and Magazines

CONTENT ACCESS LEVELS

Juvenile

- Grades K-5
- Elementary School
- Can only see books at this level

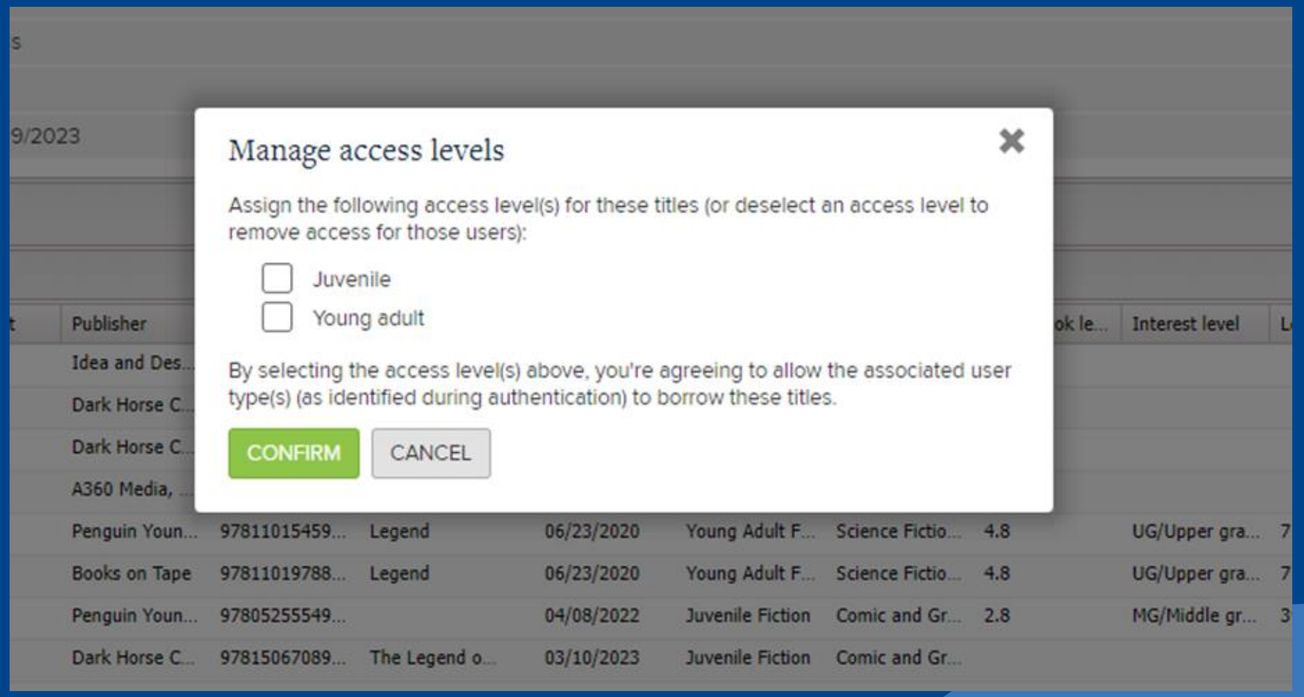
Young Adult

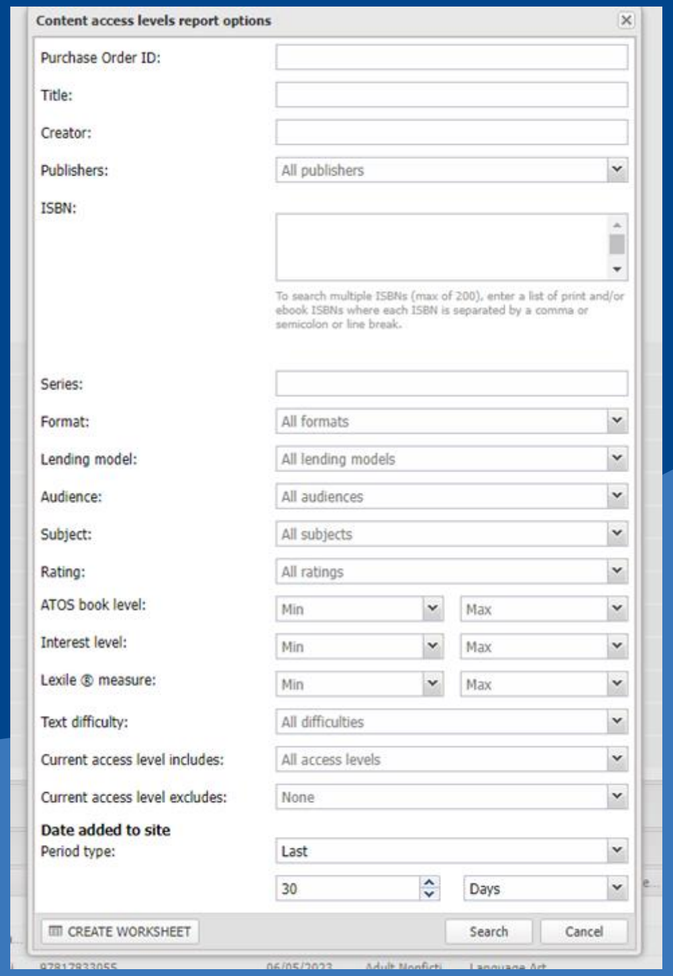
- Grades 6-8
- Middle School
- Can see Juvenile and Young Adult Books

Adult

- Grades 9-12
- High School
- Can see all books in the collection

MANAGING CONTENT ACCESS LEVELS

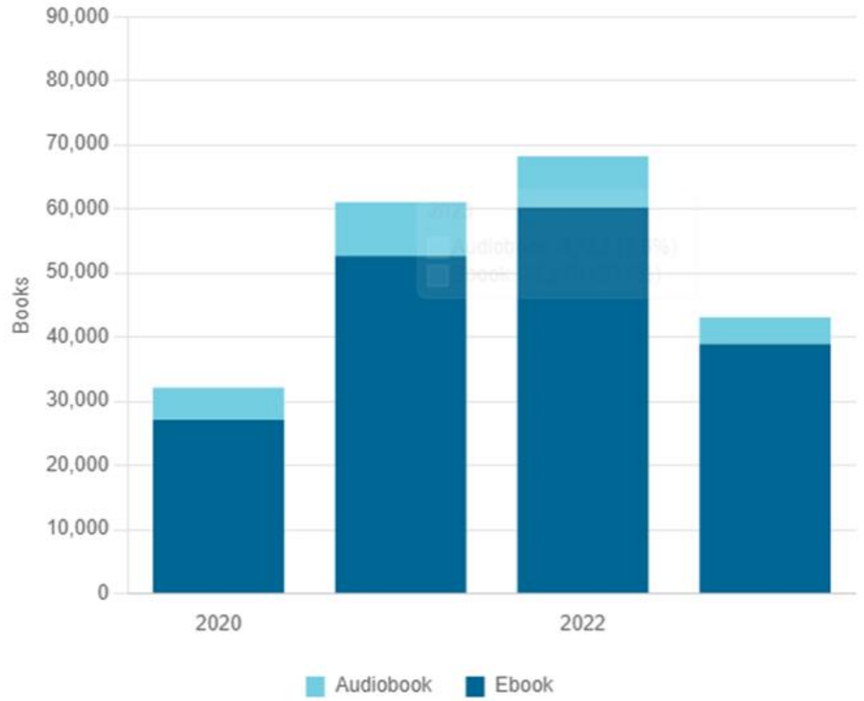




DISTRICT HISTORICAL USAGE REPORT

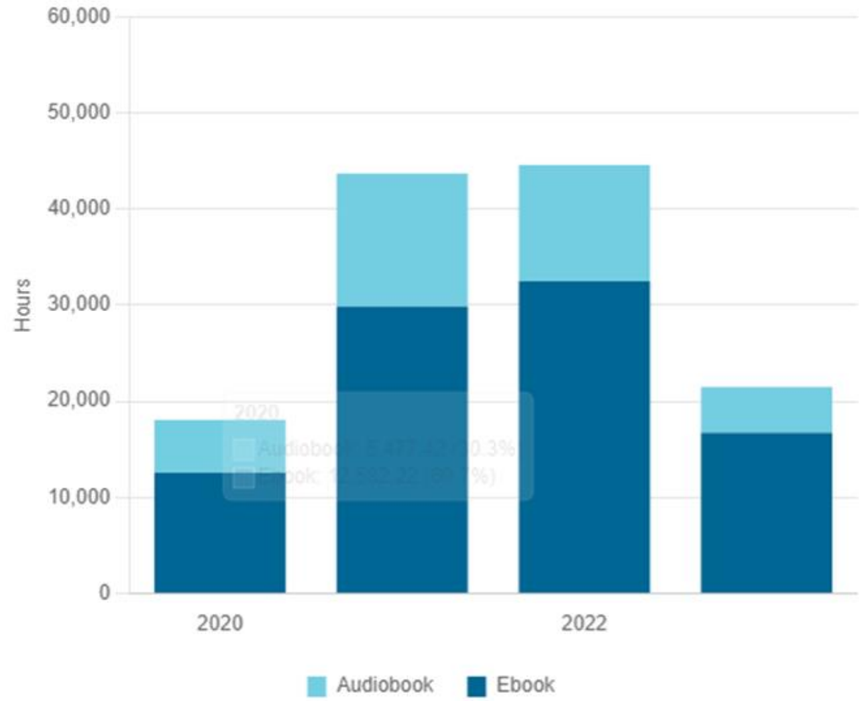
Total books opened

Total number of books **204,485**

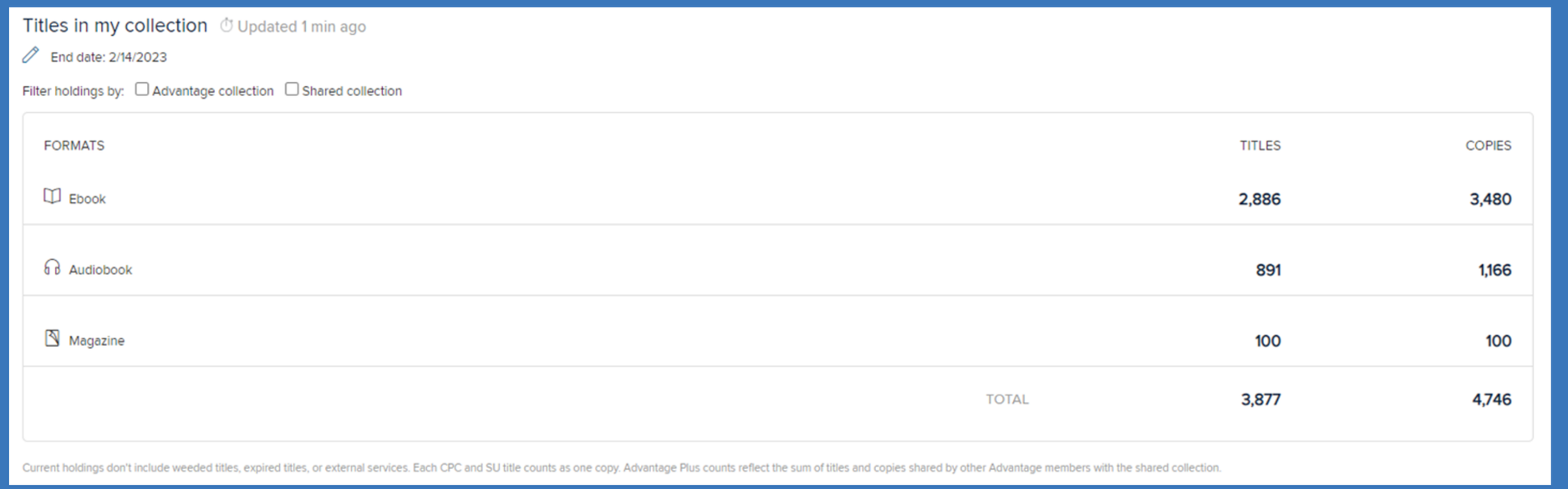


Total time read

Total number of hours **127,784.39**



DISTRICT COLLECTION DATA



Titles in my collection Updated 1 min ago

End date: 2/14/2023

Filter holdings by: Advantage collection Shared collection

FORMATS	TITLES	COPIES
Ebook	2,886	3,480
Audiobook	891	1,166
Magazine	100	100
TOTAL	3,877	4,746

Current holdings don't include weeded titles, expired titles, or external services. Each CPC and SU title counts as one copy. Advantage Plus counts reflect the sum of titles and copies shared by other Advantage members with the shared collection.

HOLDS REPORT

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	Title	Creator	Publisher	ISBN	Format	Audience/Rating	Street date	All holds	Adv holds	All suspended holds
1	Love from the Crayons	Drew Daywalt, ...	Penguin Group ...	9781524792695			12/24/2019	202	202	4
2	Guts: A Graphic Novel	Raina Telgemeier	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545852531		Juvenile Nonfict...	9/17/2019	49	49	1
3	On Purpose: On Purpose: A Graphic Novel (Cat Kid Comic Club #3)...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9781338801965		Juvenile Fiction	4/12/2022	47	47	4
4	Smile: A Graphic Novel	Raina Telgemei...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545780018		Juvenile Nonfict...	7/29/2014	47	47	3
5	Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9781338801934		Juvenile Fiction	3/28/2023	40	40	3
6	Avocado Asks	Momoko Abe	Random House,...	9780593177945		Juvenile Fiction	1/26/2021	35	35	3
7	Dog Man: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man #1): From the Creator of Cap...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545581639		Juvenile Fiction	8/30/2016	31	31	3
8	For Whom the Ball Rolls: For Whom the Ball Rolls: A Graphic Novel ...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9781338236613		Juvenile Fiction	8/13/2019	31	31	0
9	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes	Eric Litwin, Jam...	HarperCollins P...	9780062065605		Juvenile Fiction	12/7/2010	28	28	2
10	Sisters: A Graphic Novel	Raina Telgemei...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545540667		Juvenile Nonfict...	8/26/2014	28	28	2
11	Hide and Don't Seek: And Other Very Scary Stories	Anica Mrose Rissi	HarperCollins P...	9780063026971		Juvenile Fiction	8/3/2021	25	25	0
12	Mothering Heights: Mothering Heights: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man ...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9781338680478		Juvenile Fiction	3/23/2021	22	22	0
13	Diper Överlöde	Jeff Kinney	ABRAMS	9781647008710		Juvenile Fiction	10/25/2022	21	21	1
14	Drama	Raina Telgemei...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545779968		Juvenile Fiction	7/29/2014	20	20	1
15	Dog Man Unleashed: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man #2): From the Cre...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9780545935432		Juvenile Fiction	12/27/2016	17	17	2
16	Dragons in a Bag	Zetta Elliott, Ge...	Random House,...	9781524770471		Juvenile Fiction	10/23/2018	17	17	0
17	The Cool Bean	Jory John, Pete ...	HarperCollins P...	9780062979193		Juvenile Fiction	12/3/2019	15	15	2
18	Fetch-22: Fetch-22: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man #8): From the Crea...	Dav Pilkey, Dav ...	Scholastic, Inc. ...	9781338323238		Juvenile Fiction	12/10/2019	15	15	0
19	Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse	Marvel	Blackstone Audi...	9781982561758		Juvenile Fiction	2/1/2019	15	15	2
20	Red: A Crayon's Story	Michael Hall, Mi...	HarperCollins P...	9780062371805		Juvenile Fiction	2/3/2015	14	14	0
21	Saving the Whole Wide World: Saving the Whole Wide World	Judd Winick	Random House,...	9780385386258		Juvenile Fiction	5/17/2016	14	14	0
22	Took: A Ghost Story	Mary Downing ...	Houghton Miffli...	9780358536741		Juvenile Fiction	3/8/2022	14	14	2

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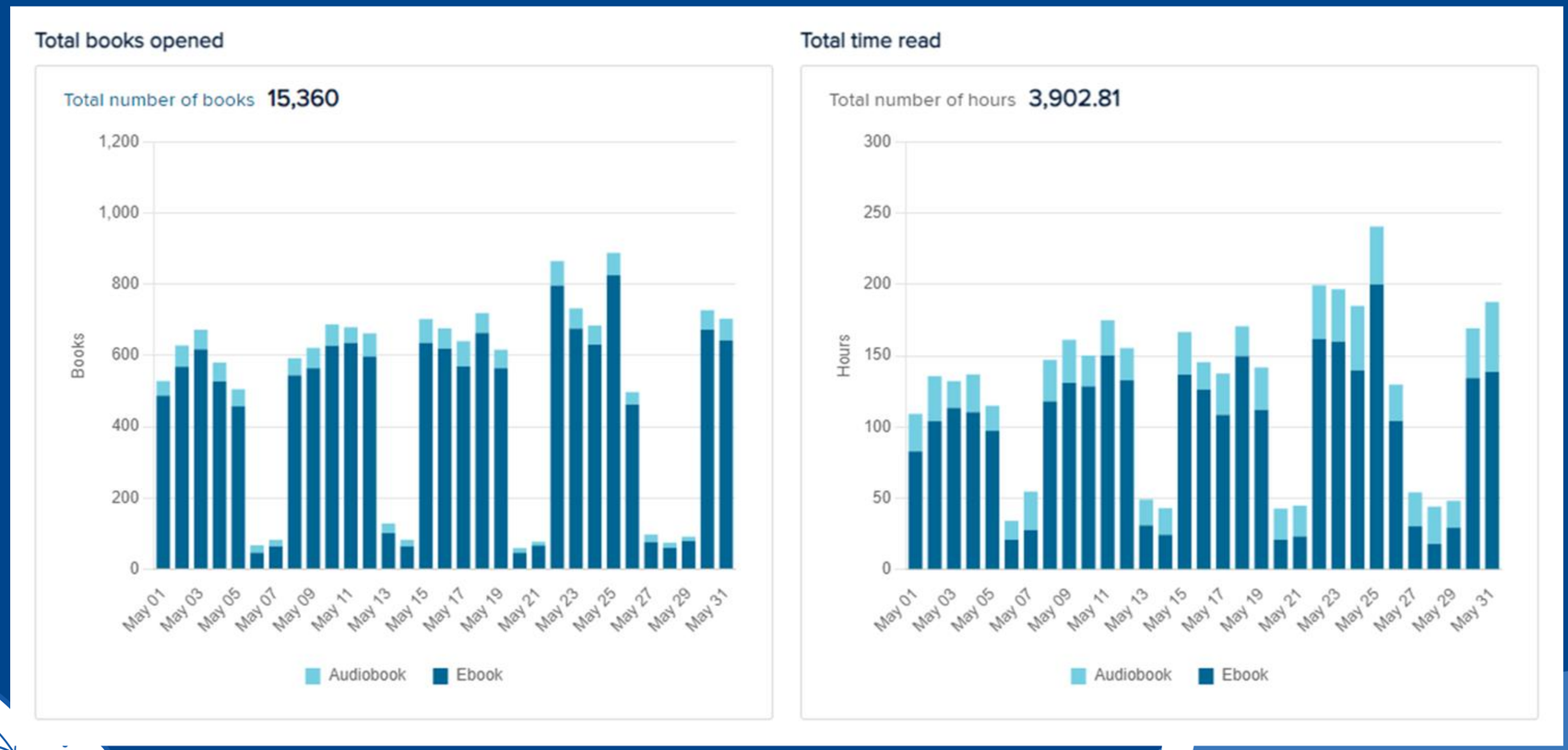
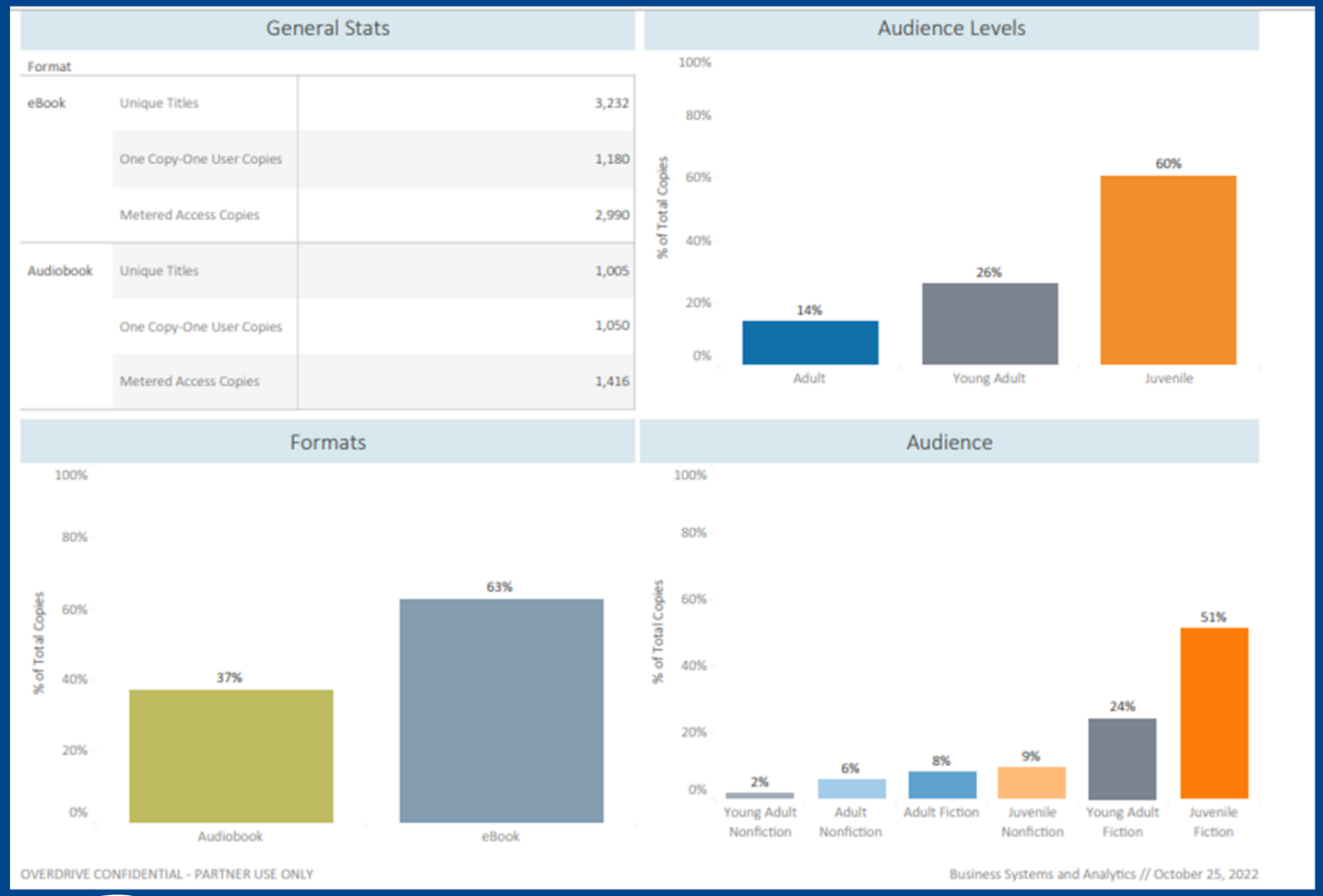


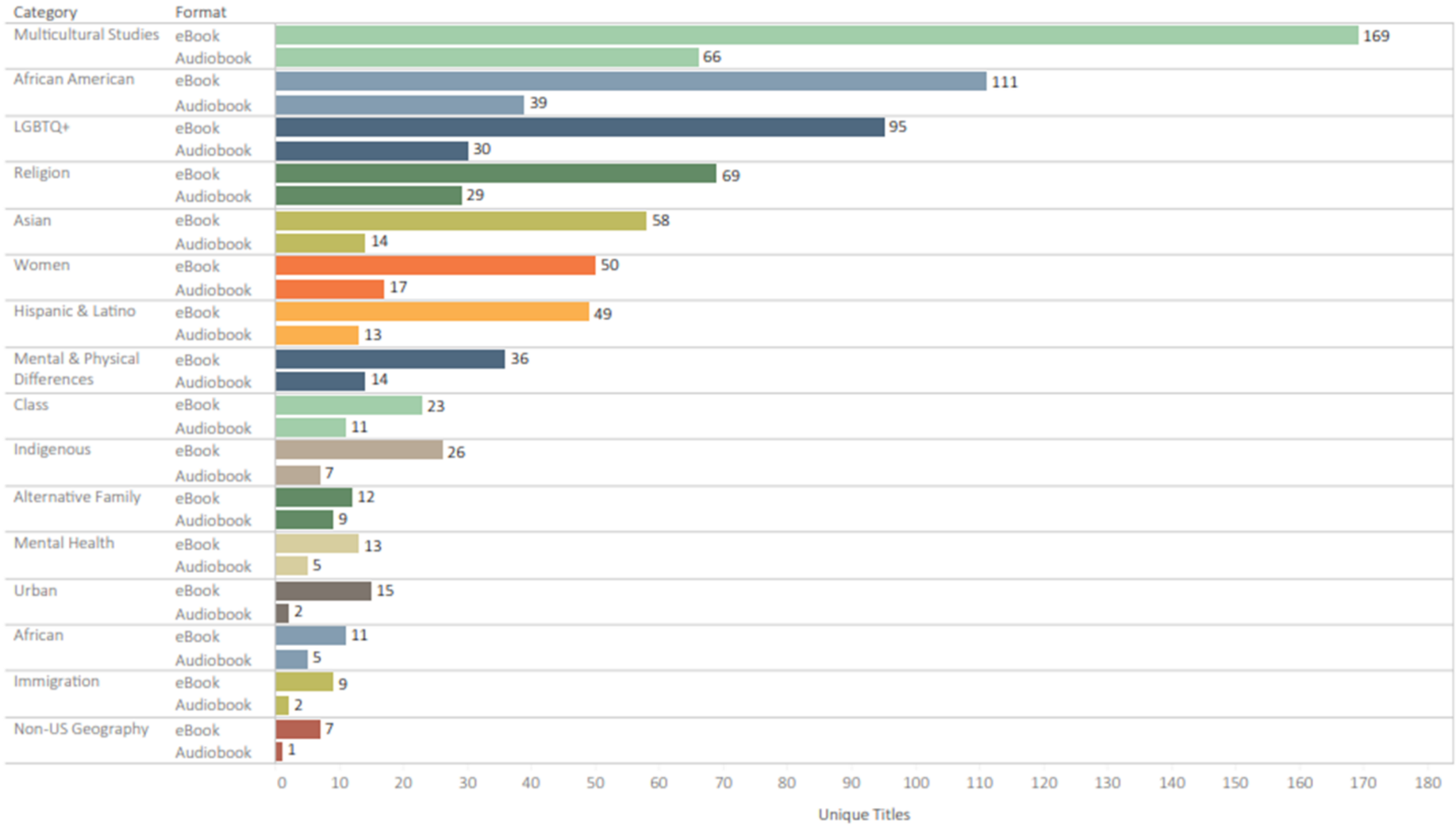
Last Call for Raffle Tickets

DIVERSITY AUDIT

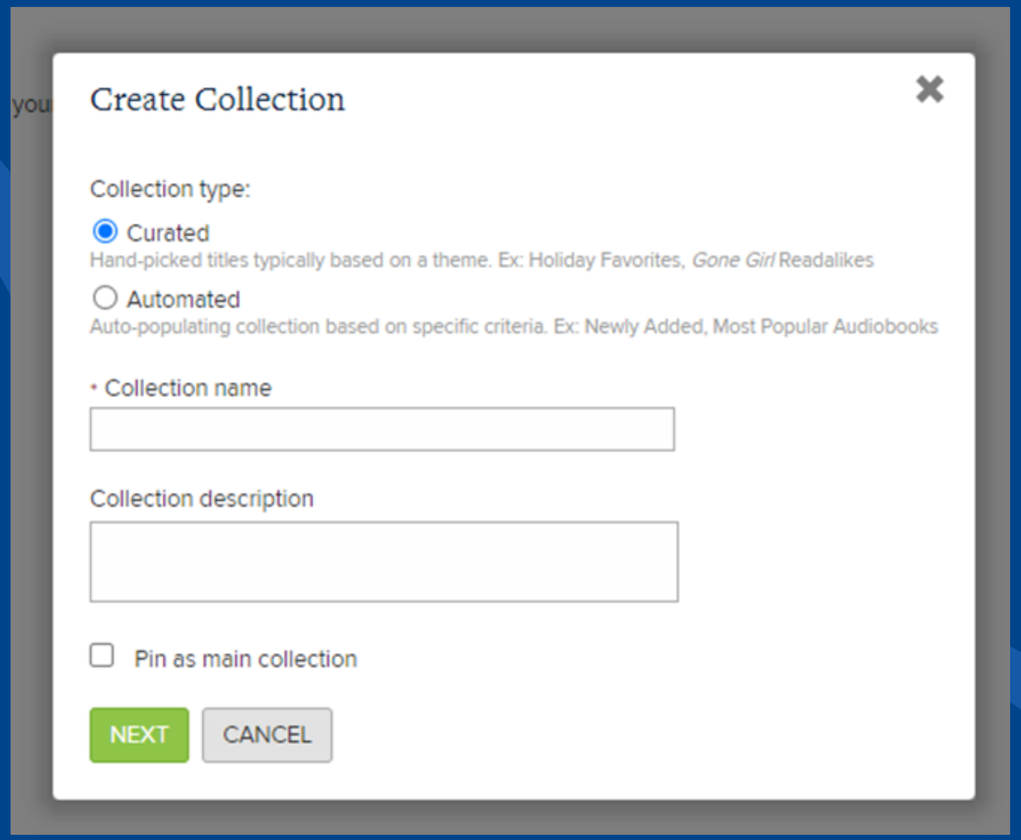


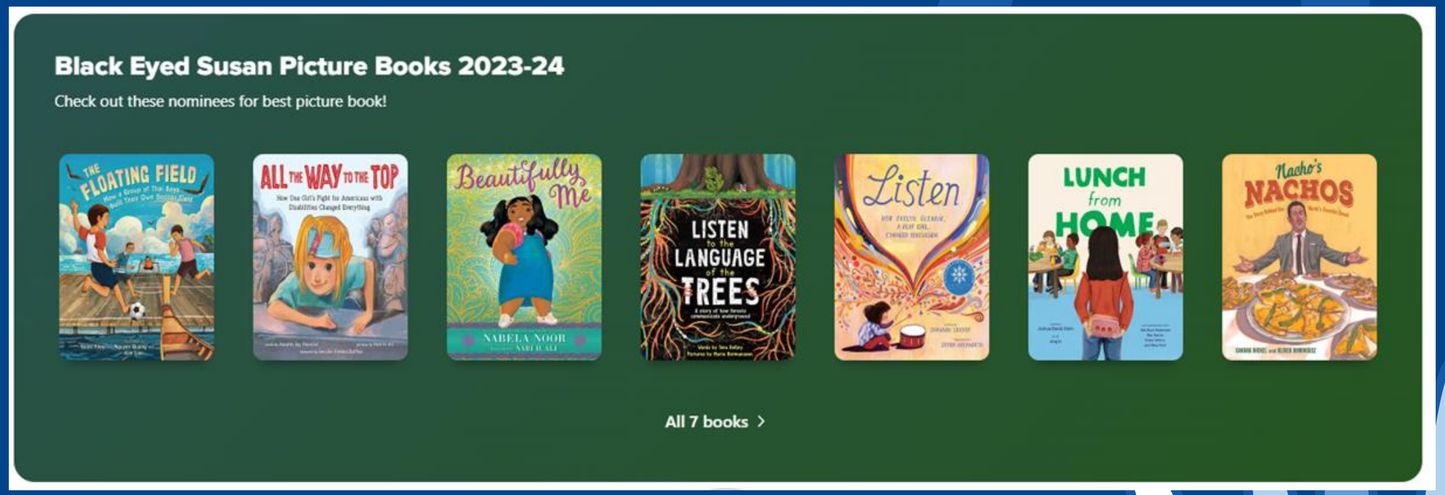
- Format
- Audience level
- Audience
- Languages
- Diversity categories

Unique Titles Owned in a Diversity Category (by Format)



CURATION
CREATE YOUR OWN COLLECTIONS





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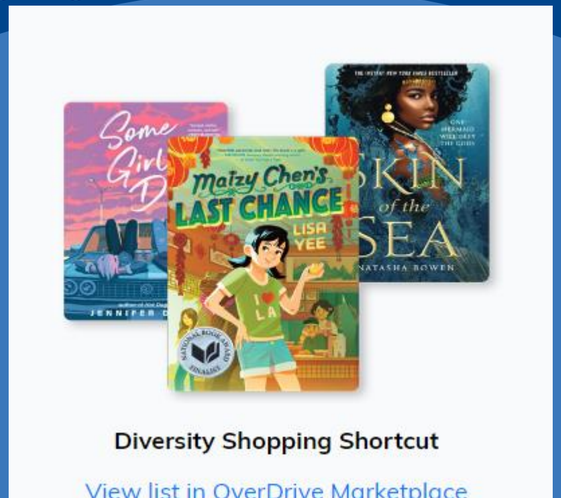
- A District Funding Commitment
- Lending Models
- What your district purchases and align with content access levels
- Work with SORA representatives for special list creation
- Consider the time of year your district will purchase
- Pay attention to Overdrive for SORA Auto Created Carts
- Think about who will managing District Overdrive
  - SORA Explore Page
  - User access levels