

# SORA SPOTLIGHT:

## The Delaware Accelerate Learning Collection

### *How a state-level collection can foster digital reading success*

In 2021, the Delaware Department of Education set a new challenge for itself: Shift the narrative from pandemic-related learning loss to learning acceleration, by giving students and staff across the state access to the resources needed to eliminate barriers to reading.

To achieve this goal, the DDOE turned to the Sora platform, leveraging federal Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to establish the Delaware Accelerate Learning Collection, a shared statewide ebook and audiobook collection available to all public schools across Delaware. The digital collection includes:

- Popular ebooks, audiobooks, comics and magazines
- Authentic and translated texts in languages other than English
- High-quality curriculum books adopted by each of Delaware's local education agencies

### BY THE NUMBERS: THE DELAWARE ACCELERATE LEARNING COLLECTION

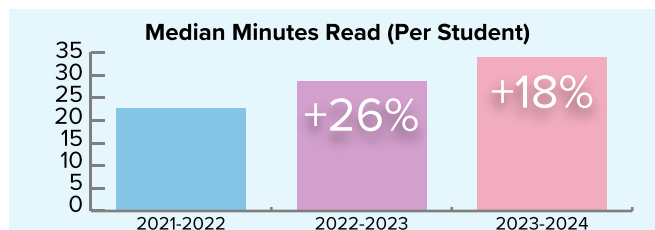
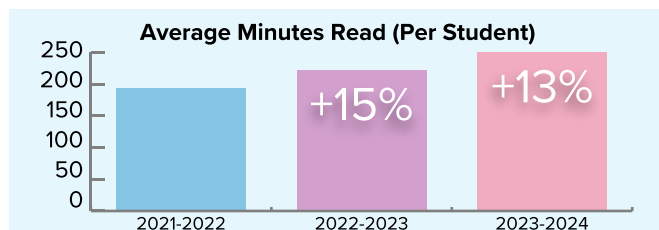
**144,000**  
students

**221**  
K-12 schools

**17,000+**  
digital titles

Several years on, the numbers tell the story of the collection's success: Delaware Accelerate Learning surpassed one million checkouts in 2023, and median and average student reading time have all increased not only year-over-year, but semester-over-semester (in 2023-2024).

**One-third of Sora users read at least an hour more in the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year than in the first semester.**



“ We are committed to making the right choice, the easy choice. We know supporting students in becoming proficient at reading and lifelong seekers of knowledge is critical. Access to ebooks, e-magazines, and audiobooks opens gateways to new worlds for our students. ”

Former Delaware Secretary of Education Mark Holodick