Slow the Summer Reading Slide With School & Library Partnerships

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Meet Sora, the student reading app

Access your school’s collection of ebooks and audiobooks through the Sora app

FEATURES
✓ Accessible 24/7
✓ Sync across devices
✓ Read or listen offline
✓ Title assignments
✓ Exportable in-app notes, definitions & highlights
✓ Earn achievements
✓ View reading stats
✓ Add a public library
Activate school & public library partnerships with Public Library CONNECT

➢ With Sora’s Public Library CONNECT feature, students can access age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks from the local public library in addition to their school’s digital collection.
How Public Library CONNECT works

Students add their local public library in the Sora app.

Titles are borrowed using existing school credentials.

They’re presented with all the age-appropriate titles available to them from the library’s digital collection.
Advantages of Public Library CONNECT

✓ More reading
✓ Stress-free setup
✓ Easy to use
✓ Age-appropriate
✓ Student privacy
✓ Data & insights

Harlandale ISD has been featured in publications like District Administration for their partnership with SAPL!

Sora reading app digitally links Harlandale ISD & San Antonio Public Library

Powerful partnership expands student access to age-appropriate reading materials

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As coordinator for libraries and instructional materials at Harlandale ISD in San Antonio, Lisa Kulka faces the persistent challenge of increasing the number of age-appropriate books available to students inside and outside the classroom.

Enter Sora, the student reading app from OverDrive Education.

Sora gives Harlandale students the ability to borrow titles from the district’s OverDrive digital collection and access juvenile and young adult e-books and audiobooks from the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL). To support the unique needs of all readers, Sora also offers inclusive tools, including Read-Alongs, dyslexic font, adjustable text, a multilingual interface and Google Translate.
Schools and libraries are connecting across the country
Get to know Harlandale ISD

- Location: South San Antonio, TX
- Students: 15,000
  - 88% of students are economically disadvantaged
- Total number of schools: 21

San Antonio Riverwalk

Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo
In 2019, Harlandale activated Public Library CONNECT in partnership with SAPL.

Harlandale was the first school district in San Antonio to team up with SAPL.

Why Public Library CONNECT was right for Harlandale:

- Need to overcome “book desert” challenges
- Ability to grow the digital library beyond the individual school district’s capabilities
- Long-standing interest in partnering with SAPL
Initial questions & concerns about Public Library CONNECT

**Concerns**

Content access levels

The public library does not have the same checkout restrictions in place as schools

**Solution**

Content filtering

Filtered content based on grade level
Promoting Sora + Public Library CONNECT to your school

**Promotion**
- Trainings
- Newsletters
- Family night presentations
- Contests

**Kingsborough Library**
May 27, 2020

Free ebooks and Audiobooks for Summer Reading

- **Available**
  - Audiobooks: Free audio books, such as Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
  - Young Adult Audiobooks
  - Teen . . .

- **Teen Book Cloud**
  - Graphic novels
  - Free audiobooks

- **Shonen Jump**
  - Reads from the top

Want to see more free ebooks? Click on the link below.

**Sora Reading Contest**

Enter the Sora Reading Challenge!

Check out books or audiobooks from Sora and read at least 30 hours by June 4th at 3 PM. You will stack your reading on the "Me" Tab. Enter to win using this form once you have completed 30 hours. One winner will be randomly selected from all entries to win a Kindle Fire. The winning entry will be verified.

Login to Sora. Take a look at the total time you’ve read in the Sora app by clicking on the "Me" tab. Once it says that your total time read is at least 30 hours you can enter! You can enter once for EACH 30 hours that you’ve read. (So if you’ve read 60 hours you can enter twice!) In the example below, the person has currently read 5 hours and 26 minutes. They need to keep reading until it says 30 hours (or more) and then they can enter.

Harlandale Independent School District

Enter Sora Reading Contest Here
Real reading results

**Harlandale Sora checkouts without SAPL**
2020 YTD

- Total number of books: 3,891
- Apr 20: Audiobook: 165 (25.2%), Ebook: 491 (74.8%)

**Harlandale Sora checkouts + SAPL**
2020 YTD

- Total number of books: 7,687
- Mar 20: Audiobook: 221 (23.3%), Ebook: 728 (76.7%)
Remote learning + public library closures means digital access to books is more important than ever.

How Harlandale is working to slow the summer slide:

- Curated summer reading lists by grade level in Sora
- Summer reading with SAPL
- Required reading lists for pre-AP and AP courses in Sora
Free summer reading programs

April 15 – July 31
❖ 31 free simultaneous-use ebooks & select audiobooks available to Sora users
❖ Includes juvenile & YA titles
https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-sweet-reads/

April 30 – July 29
❖ Two free audiobook checkouts per week in Sora for 13 weeks
❖ Aimed at teens 13+ but open to all program registrants
https://www.audiobooksync.com/
Future Ready Librarians – “Budget & Resources: Invests Strategically in Digital Resources”

Texas – “At least 3% of the collection, including audiobooks and ebooks, is refreshed annually”

AASL – “Reading is the core of personal and academic competency”

Meeting State and National Library Standards

Closing: Meet standards with Sora + Public Library CONNECT
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