

# Reimagining required reading with Sora

*How digital can change how you deliver classroom content – and how your students read it.*



# Sora

Where students read

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# Why digital?

## Support all learners:

English Language Learners  
Struggling Readers  
Students with disabilities  
Emerging readers

## Access:

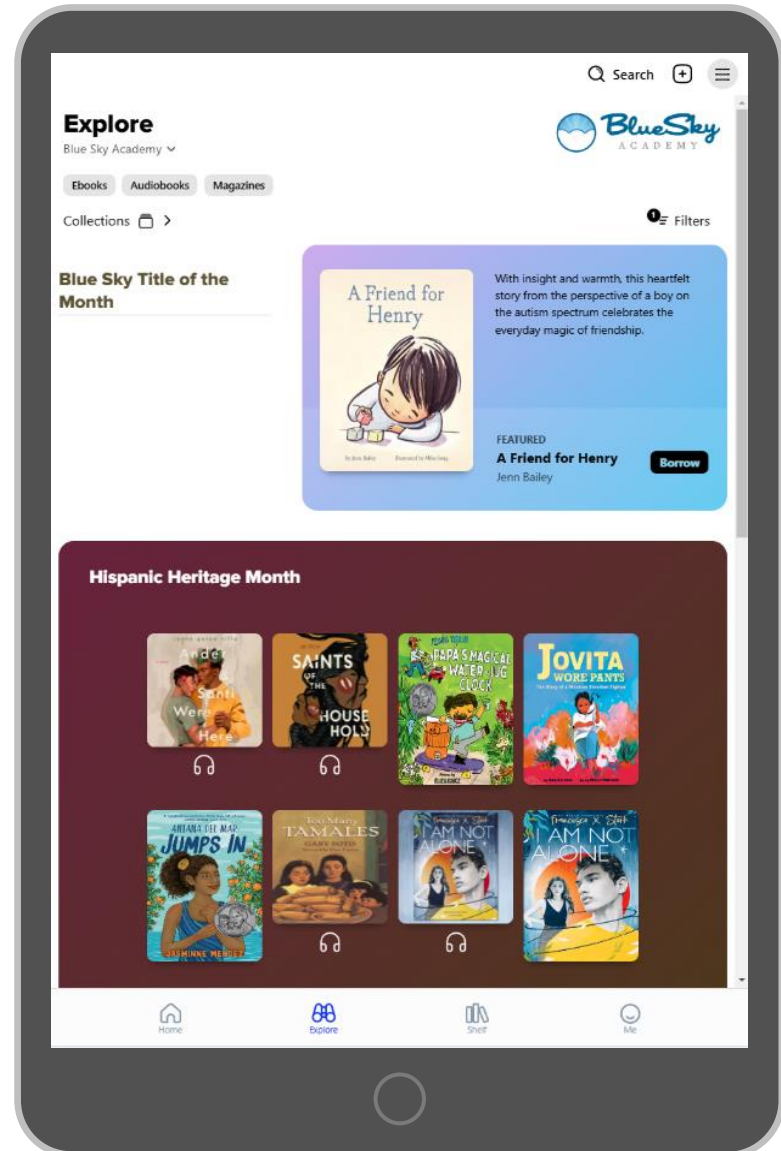
Stored in the cloud  
No transportation, cleaning,  
or storage required  
24/7 access on all major  
devices  
Syncs across devices  
Read in the app/browser

## Build lifelong skills:

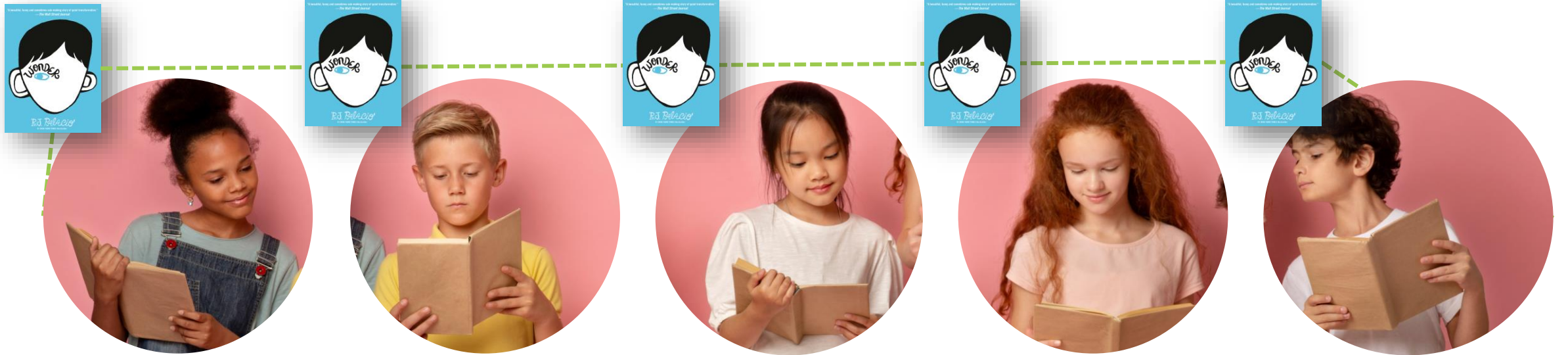
Support students'  
development of 21st  
century skills  
Prepare them for higher  
education, the workforce,  
and more

## Flexible budget:

Spend smartly with multiple  
lending models  
No damaged, lost, or stolen  
materials = \$\$ saved!



# Don't think equality...

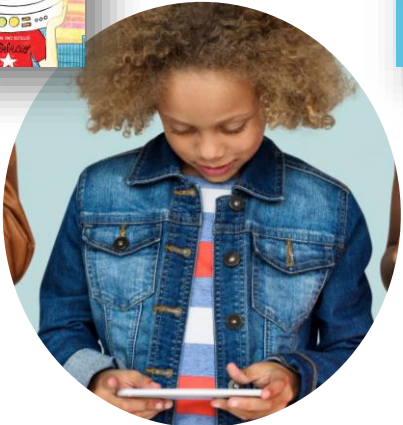


# Think equity!

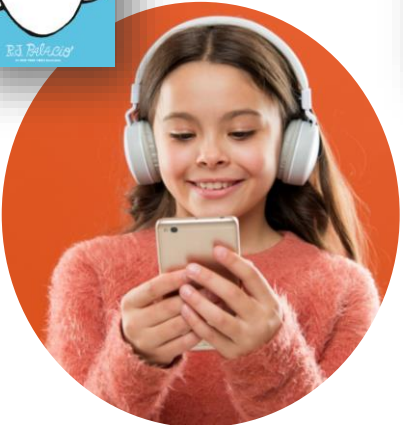
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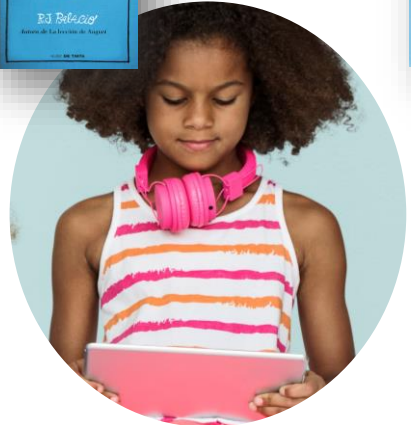
Young Reader ebook



Audiobook



Young Reader Spanish ebook



Spanish ebook





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## *Where students read*

Sora is an award-winning digital reading platform that ensures every one of your students has access to the right digital books to achieve their reading and learning goals.

[soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com)

OR DOWNLOAD THE APP:



2021 & 2019 AASL  
Best Digital Tools



District  
Administration  
Top Ed Tech  
Product 2020



2019 AASL  
Crystal Apple  
Recipient



2019 Academics'  
Choice Smart  
Media Award



2021 Gold Stevie  
Award

**TIME**

Time Magazine's  
Best Inventions  
of 2019

# A full-service digital reading platform

- Train students and staff on **one platform** for the school library and **the classroom**
- Leverage **classroom learning tools**
- Take advantage of **flexible sharing and content options**
- **Track reading** more accurately



# Classroom reading tools

## Annotations & definitions

Increase real-time student engagement with curriculum tools like:

- Exportable notes and highlights
- In-app dictionary with pronunciations
- In-app Google Translate

The image displays a composite of three screenshots from a reading application. The top-left screenshot shows a book page titled "Chapitre 1" with French text. A green arrow points from the text "des griffes" to a dictionary definition of "prowl" shown in the top-right screenshot. The bottom-right screenshot shows a "A highlight" menu with options: PDF, CSV, Text, Copy to clipboard, and Google Drive. The text "des griffes" is highlighted in pink in the background of this menu.

Chapitre 1

D'un bref signe de la main, je saute la foule. Je partage son excitation. Un peu plus et je m'applaudirais!

Aujourd'hui, je n'ai pas tiré Fred des griffes de Joe et de sa bande. Ou descendu de la branche d'un arbre. Newton III, le chat de madame Ruel. Ou épargné à la planète un désastre écologique.

Non, je n'ai pas accompli d'autre exploit que celui d'être... le Capitaine Static.

CLAP!  
CLAP!  
CLAP!

**Definition** HIDE

prowl X

ENGLISH DICTIONARY

**prowl** /praʊl/ *verb.* (of a person or animal) move around restlessly and stealthily, especially in search of or as in search of prey

**prowl** /praʊl/ *noun.* an act of prowling

SYNONYMS

move stealthily, slink, skulk, steal, nose, pussyfoot, sneak, sidle, stalk, creep.

Definitions by Oxford Dictionaries.

**A highlight** DONE

des griffes

remember this for later

PDF

CSV

Text

Copy to clipboard

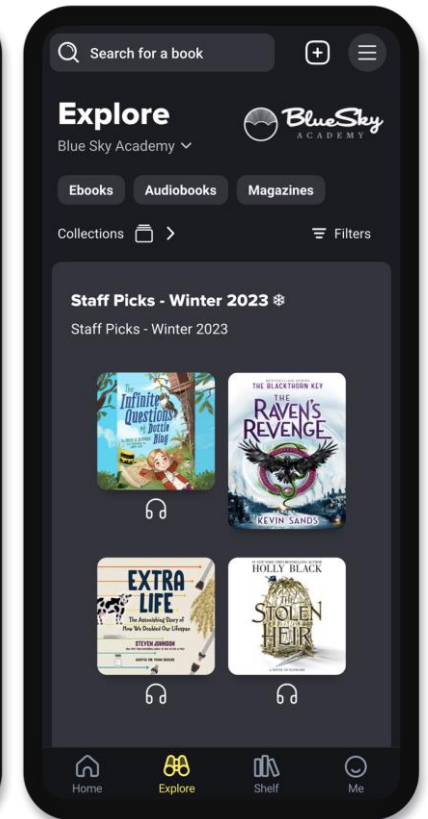
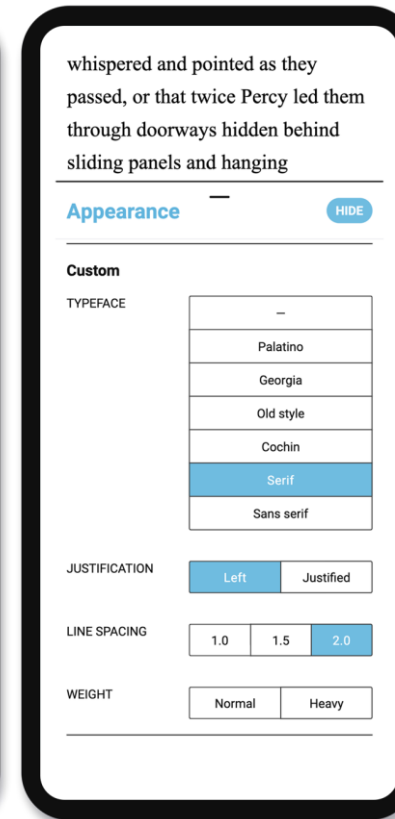
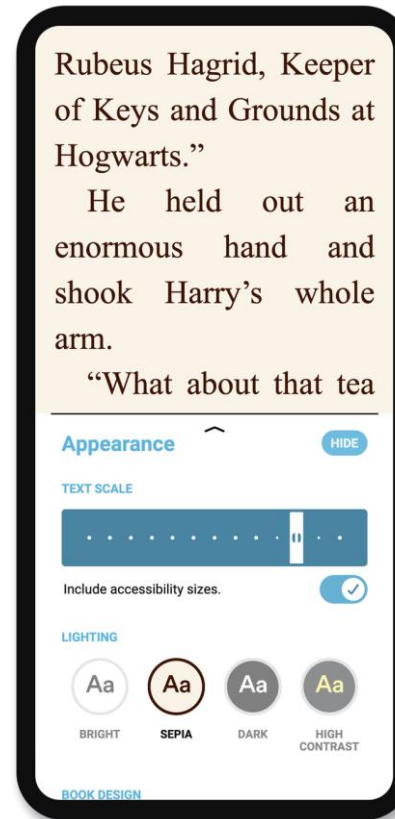
Google Drive



# Classroom reading tools

## Accessibility features

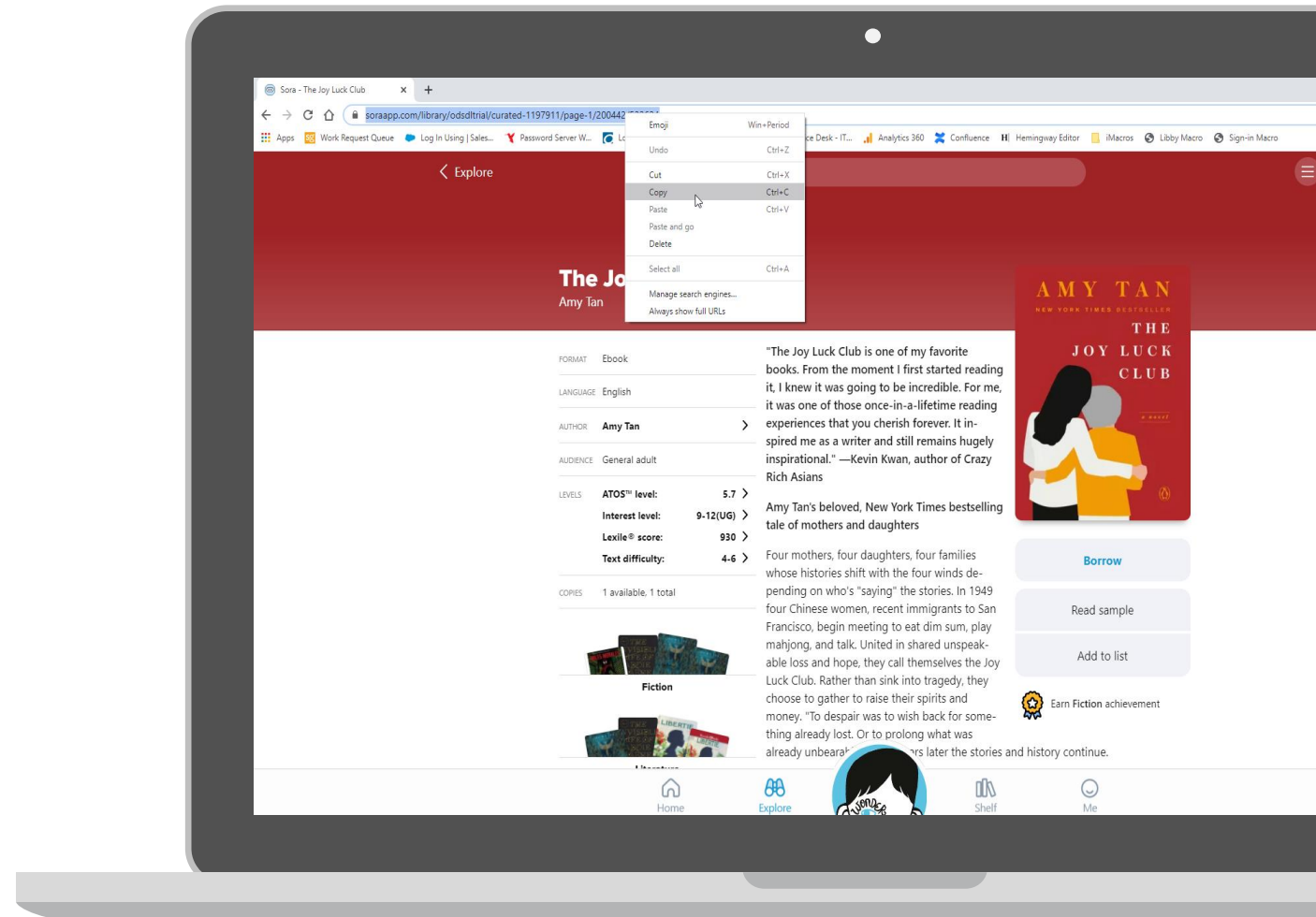
- Adjustable fonts and text sizes
- Screen reader & text-to-speech support
- High-contrast mode
- Alternate formats (ebook, audiobook, graphic novel, read-along, magazine, comic)



# Different ways to share books

## *Deep & direct linking*

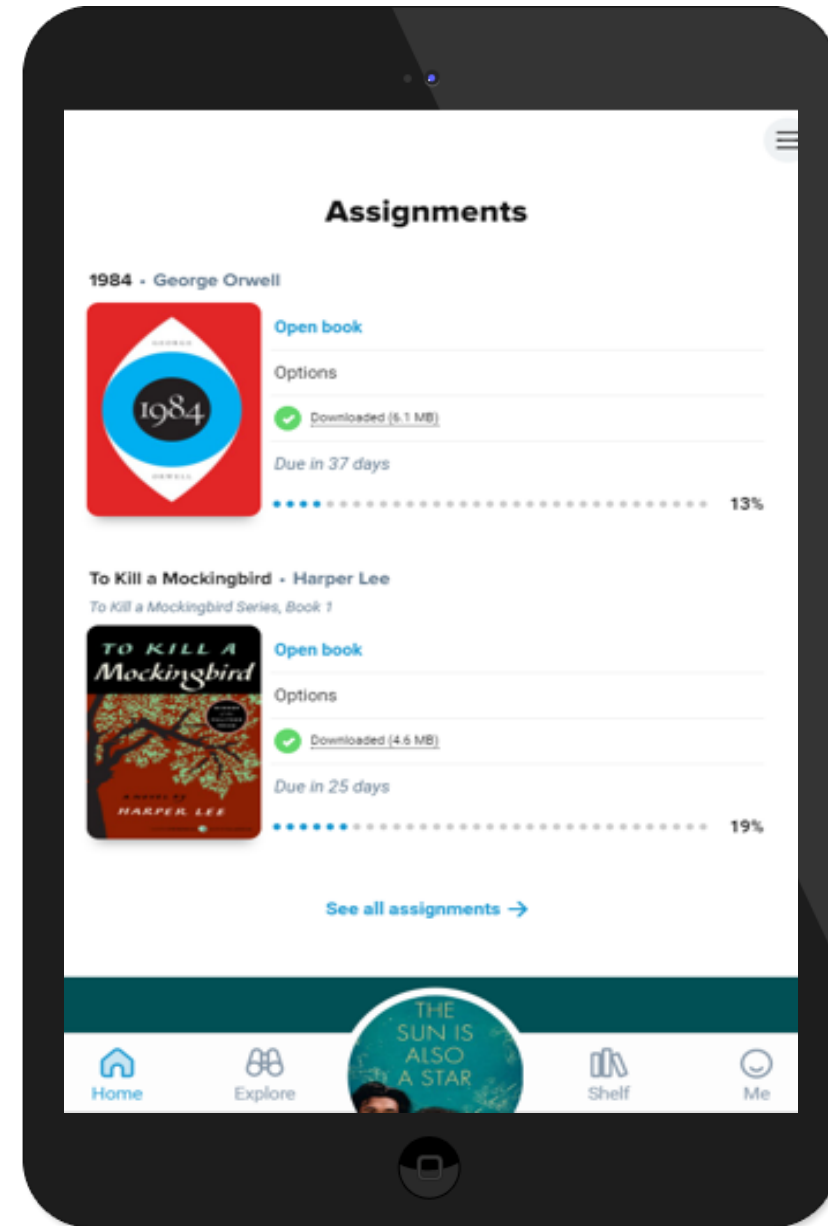
- Copy and paste the Sora URL from a book or a collection to share it directly
  - Ensure titles are discoverable for students
  - Recommend titles to individual students or groups
  - Share a collection or list to support title discovery
  - Include digital titles on your website, lesson plans, LMS or social media
- Link directly to your Sora sign in page



# Different ways to share books

## *Title assignments*

- Educators can assign prescribed curricular titles
- Books will automatically be added to students' shelves and cannot be returned early



# Different ways to share books

## *Google Classroom*

- Share from within OverDrive Marketplace
- Share via the Google Classroom add-on
  - **Search** your school's Sora collection from within Google Classroom.
  - **Attach titles** to Google Classroom assignments.
  - **Link to title details pages** in Sora, where students can **borrow books**.



Google Classroom



**Sora**

*Classroom add-ons are available with the Teaching & Learning Upgrade or Google Workspace for Education Plus editions.*

# Different ways to share books

## *Content bundles*

- 1 Reserve titles from your school's digital collection
- 2 Create **bundles** of the reserved titles
- 3 Provide **special access codes** to students to **unlock the books** in Sora.

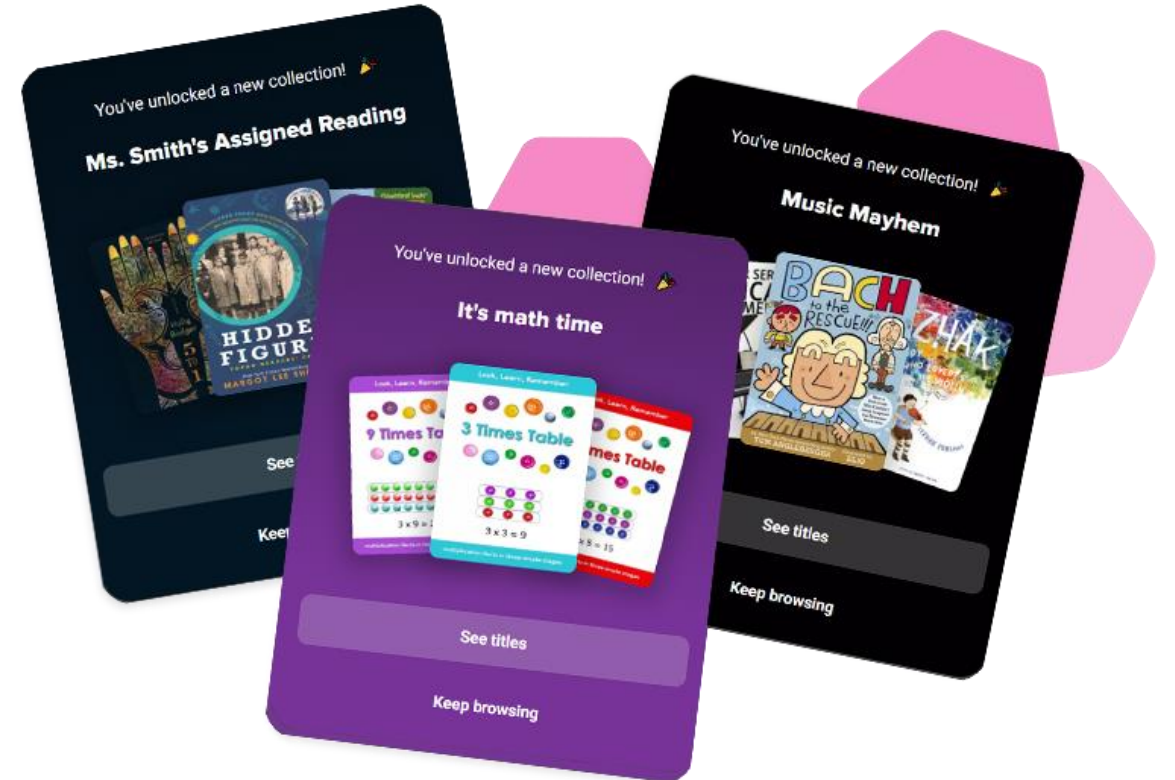
Curriculum titles  
by grade

Classroom  
libraries

Topic or theme  
sets

Book clubs or lit  
circles

Educators-only professional development  
collections





# Flexible content options

## *Class Set rentals*



**Digital Class Sets** are a flexible, cost-effective rental option that make it easy to quickly deliver required reading to students. Titles can be assigned or delivered on-demand to as many students as needed.

Perfect for high-volume, temporary reading needs.

Books can't be lost, damaged or stolen.

More cost-effective than purchasing books outright.

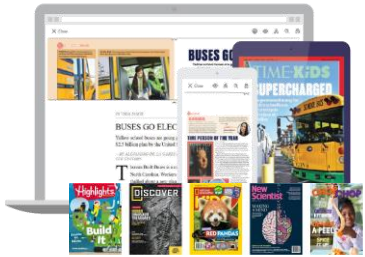
Books are available within 24 hours.

Progress syncs across devices.

Titles typically available for 90 days.

# Flexible content options

## All Access Sora Subscriptions



### Magazines

200+ of the most popular titles worldwide for students of all ages.



### All Access Comics

1,900+ comics from publishers like Disney, Marvel, Dark Horse, IDW and more.



### Supersonic Phonics

A full phonics & decodables package, with 250+ ebooks from Bearport and Jump! Publishing.



### All Access Kids:

#### Building Blocks Collection

5 collections available  
830 informative and engaging ebooks to help build reading proficiency for grades Pre-K-6



### All Access:

#### Cornerstone Collection

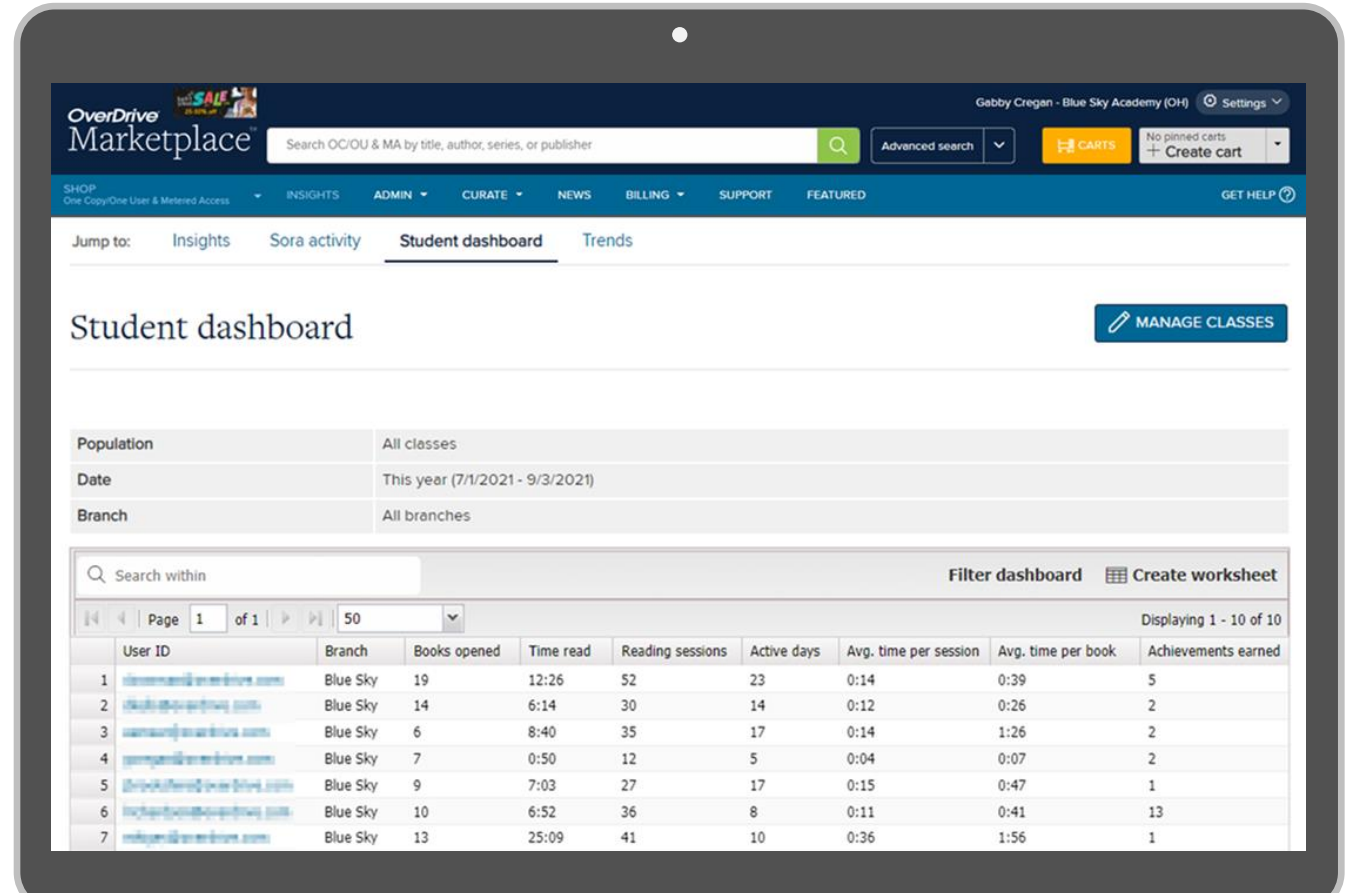
900 essential and fun reads for tweens and teens. Explore fiction, STEAM, nature and more for readers age 9+.

# Tracking tools:

## *The student dashboard*

Create classes and access **student-level stats** for:

- Books opened
- Time read
- Reading sessions
- Active days
- Average time per session
- Average time per book
- Achievements earned
- **COMING SOON:** Reading Goals



The screenshot shows the OverDrive Marketplace interface. The top navigation bar includes the OverDrive Marketplace logo, a search bar, and various menu items like SHOP, INSIGHTS, ADMIN, CURATE, NEWS, BILLING, SUPPORT, and FEATURED. The main content area is titled "Student dashboard" and includes a "MANAGE CLASSES" button. Below this, there are filters for Population (All classes), Date (This year (7/1/2021 - 9/3/2021)), and Branch (All branches). A table displays student reading statistics for 7 users, with columns for User ID, Branch, Books opened, Time read, Reading sessions, Active days, Avg. time per session, Avg. time per book, and Achievements earned.

	User ID	Branch	Books opened	Time read	Reading sessions	Active days	Avg. time per session	Avg. time per book	Achievements earned
1	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	19	12:26	52	23	0:14	0:39	5
2	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	14	6:14	30	14	0:12	0:26	2
3	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	6	8:40	35	17	0:14	1:26	2
4	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	7	0:50	12	5	0:04	0:07	2
5	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	9	7:03	27	17	0:15	0:47	1
6	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	10	6:52	36	8	0:11	0:41	13
7	<a href="#">bluebird@overdrive.com</a>	Blue Sky	13	25:09	41	10	0:36	1:56	1

*Student data will reset on a specified date and can be retained for up to two years.*

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