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## AUGUST

### Back-to-School Reading Challenge

Read one title in Sora before your Open House. Show your district values literacy and community involvement by promoting this challenge to parents and teachers during a back-to-school night.

## SEPTEMBER

### Library Card Sign-Up Month

Partner with your local public library to host a series of Family Reading Nights, one per grade band. Families can ensure their children are signed up for library cards and can get them logged into their library on Sora with help from school and library staff. Select different titles or content based on school grade bands (e.g., picture books for K-5, a short story for middle school, a couple of poems for high school, etc.). Get creative!

**Virtual alternative:** Be sure to include a virtual option for families with limited time or access to transportation. It's easy to share Sora on your screen so everyone can enjoy.

## OCTOBER

### Spooky Stories Digital Read Aloud

Have parents and guardians submit their favorite ebook short stories for a read-aloud night.

**Bonus:** Include a spooky short story writing competition - announce and read the winning tale at the event. Upload the title in Sora as local content. Tie into your school's Halloween celebrations, if applicable.

## NOVEMBER

### Gratitude & Great Reads Digital Book Club

Launch a monthly Community Digital Book Club with a theme of gratitude. Tie into your school's Thanksgiving food drive, if applicable.

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### DECEMBER

#### **Holiday Read-a-thon**

Access to digital books means your students can read even when school buildings are closed. Organize a readathon competition throughout the holidays. Use Sora reading data to identify top performers and encourage students to set reading goals.

### JANUARY

#### **Resolve to Read**

Create Reading Resolution displays in the lobbies of each school. Print out resolution slips for students to tack to the board. Provide book recommendations from both staff and students.

### FEBRUARY

#### **Celebrate Diverse Voices**

Solicit book recommendations from families in your school community to collect as diverse a collection as you can. Curate the list on Sora and use shelf talkers to highlight community individuals.

### MARCH

#### **Family Page Turners Tournament**

Create a "Family Page Turners Tournament" to transform March into a month-long family reading event. Each week, families can read and vote on their favorite books from a curated list, with each book facing off against another in friendly competition. Create a bracket worksheet for students to take home and display in a common area, like the kitchen or living room, to keep excitement flowing throughout the month. Encourage families to read aloud together, share their thoughts about the books on school social media, and cast their votes weekly. At the end of the month, crown a winning favorite book. Don't forget to make it a featured title in Sora or add a shelf talker!

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### APRIL

#### **Earth Day Eco-Reads**

Curate a collection of sustainability-themed titles on Sora. Highlight the benefits of digital reading and the impact print books have on the environment. Create a bulletin board of eco-friendly tips from books in your collection and display it prominently for all students to see.

### MAY

#### **Digital Book Fair**

Invite local authors to a school community reading event—virtual or in-person. Curate a collection of their books in Sora. Add shelf talkers after the event with quotations from guest speakers or student recommendations.

### JUNE

#### **Summer Reading**

Curate your summer reading lists, one per each grade level/building. Challenge students to read over the summer with Sora's new Reading Goals.

### JULY

#### **Travel the World through Reading**

Curate a collection of titles that represent the diversity of the families in your student population--the places they're from and where they might travel in the future. Don't forget books in translation! Encourage families to read at least one of the titles together and discuss what they learned about another country, culture, or travel destination. When school resumes, have students pin on a map the locations they learned about and return to this visual reminder as appropriate during lessons.