

**“YOU ARE NEVER  
ALONE WHEN LOST  
IN THE MAGIC  
OF A BOOK.”**

**- MARIE LU**

**Soraapp @ YCDSB**

eBooks!



# Life is better with books.

Reading makes you  
**smarter.**

*Stanford News. September, 2012*

Reading makes you a  
**better writer.**

*Lumerit Unbound. January, 2015*

The background is a solid teal color. It features two large, white, stylized shapes. On the left is a shape resembling a flower or a leaf with multiple pointed petals. On the right is a large heart shape. Both shapes have a slight drop shadow, giving them a 3D appearance as if they are floating above the teal background.

Reading reduces  
**stress.**

*The Argus. March, 2009*

Reading makes you  
**nicer.**

*American Psychological  
Association. 2009*

Reading ebooks  
and audiobooks is  
**free.**

*On Sora, the student reading app  
from your school. 2019*

**OverDrive**  
Education



# Sora

The student reading app

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

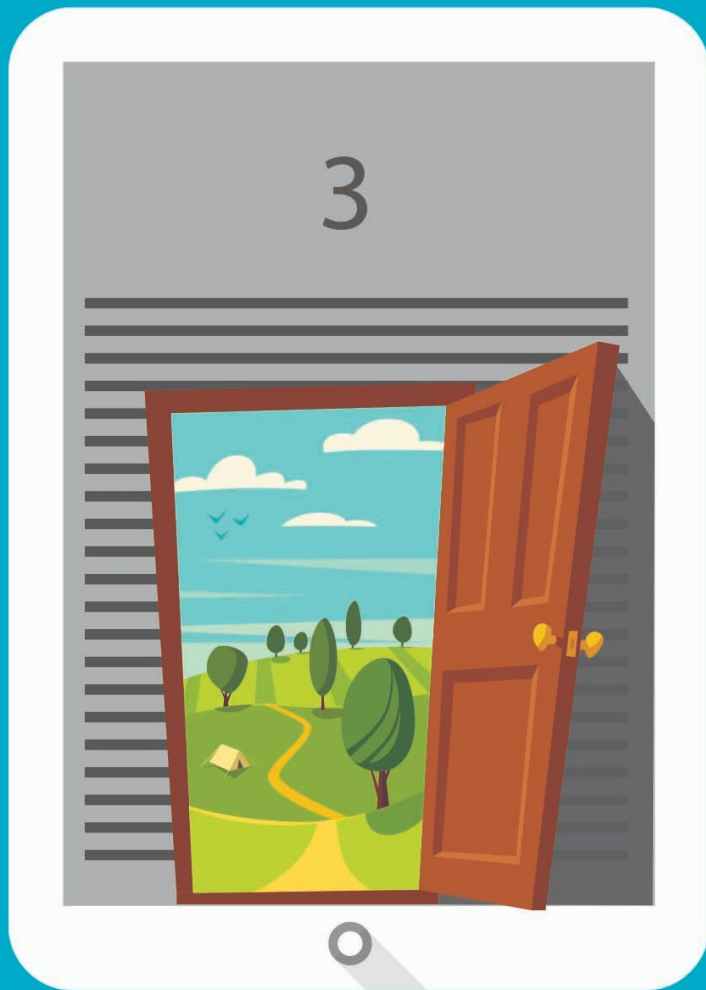


Maybe this is why we read, and why in moments of darkness,  
we return to books: to find words for what we already know.

- Alberto Manguel

*With so many doors closed  
without explanation to me,  
libraries and books said,  
'Here I am, read me.'*

*- Maya Angelou*



***AUDIOBOOKS  
ARE NOT  
CHEATING!***



I'm probably  
listening to  
audiobooks.





# Life is better with books.

Celebrate School Library  
Month with Sora.



# Sora

The student reading app

Students can access SORA the following ways:

- On your [D2L Brightspace](#) homepage, Elementary or Secondary OR
- Through the YCDSB APPS bookmark on their Chrome account OR
- Through the [Student Resources page](#) on ycdsb.ca OR
- Via this link:  
<https://soraapp.com/library/ycdsbca>
- Students may also choose to download the SORA app on their personal devices through the App provider appropriate for their device.

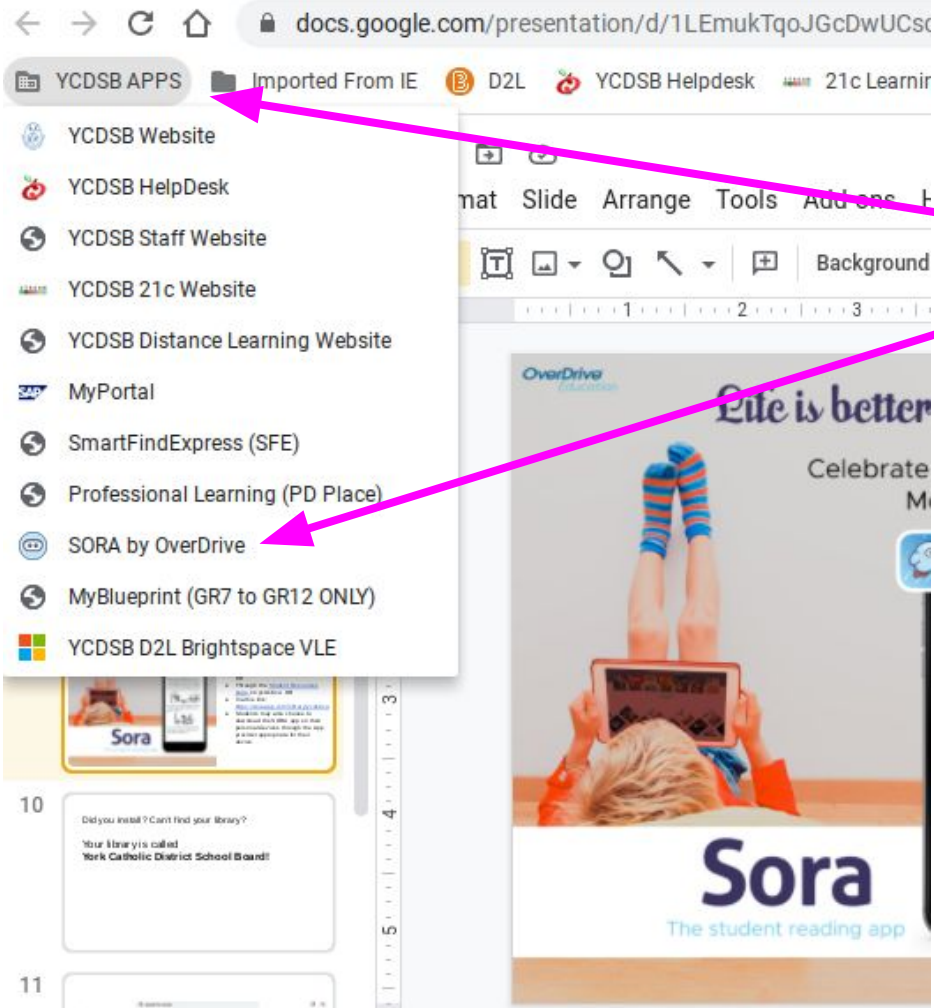
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- YCDSB HelpDesk
- YCDSB Staff Website
- YCDSB 21c Website
- YCDSB Distance Learning Website
- MyPortal
- SmartFindExpress (SFE)
- Professional Learning (PD Place)
- SORA by OverDrive
- MyBlueprint (GR7 to GR12 ONLY)
- YCDSB D2L Brightspace VLE

10 Did you install? Can't find your library?  
Your library is called  
York Catholic District School Board!

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The image is a screenshot of a Google Slides presentation. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL 'docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LEmukTqoJGcDwUCsc'. Below the address bar, there's a toolbar with icons for 'YCD SB APPS', 'Imported From IE', 'D2L', 'YCDSB Helpdesk', and '21c Learnir'. A list of applications is displayed below the toolbar, including 'YCDSB Website', 'YCDSB HelpDesk', 'YCDSB Staff Website', 'YCDSB 21c Website', 'YCDSB Distance Learning Website', 'MyPortal', 'SmartFindExpress (SFE)', 'Professional Learning (PD Place)', 'SORA by OverDrive', 'MyBlueprint (GR7 to GR12 ONLY)', and 'YCDSB D2L Brightspace VLE'. Two pink arrows originate from the right side of the image: one points to the 'YCD SB APPS' icon in the toolbar, and the other points to the 'SORA by OverDrive' item in the list. The main content area of the slide shows a slide titled 'Sora' with the text 'Life is better Celebrate M' and 'Celebrate M'. The slide features an image of a person's legs sticking up in the air, wearing blue and orange striped socks, with a tablet held in front of them. The text 'Sora The student reading app' is at the bottom. Below the slide, there's a slide titled '10 Did you install? Can't find your library? Your library is called York Catholic District School Board!' and a slide titled '11'.

How I accessed on my chromebook!

Did you install the app? Can't find your library?

Your library is called

**York Catholic District School Board!**

**Login with your google account.**

*If you have a phone or  
tablet, I recommend  
installing the app.*

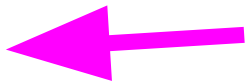
Search for a book



## Explore

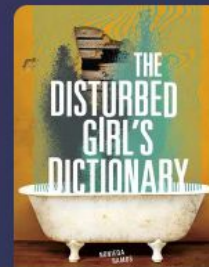
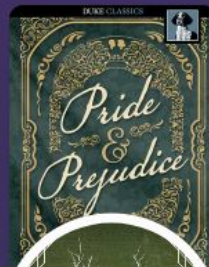
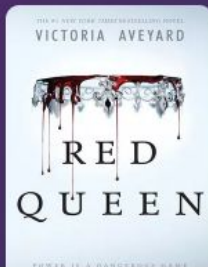
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Collections  >

### Most popular



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Shelf



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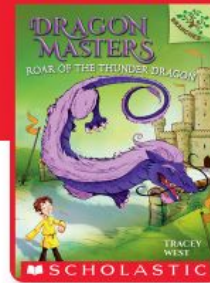
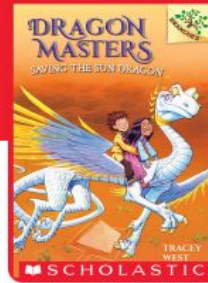
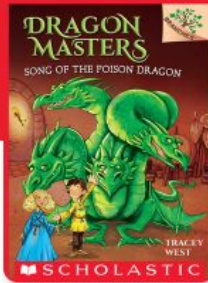
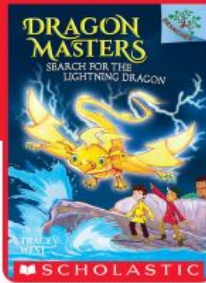
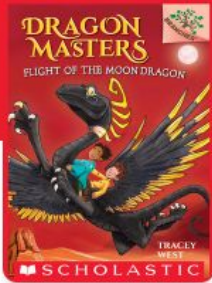




## No assignments

You don't have any assignments in Sora right now.

## Loans



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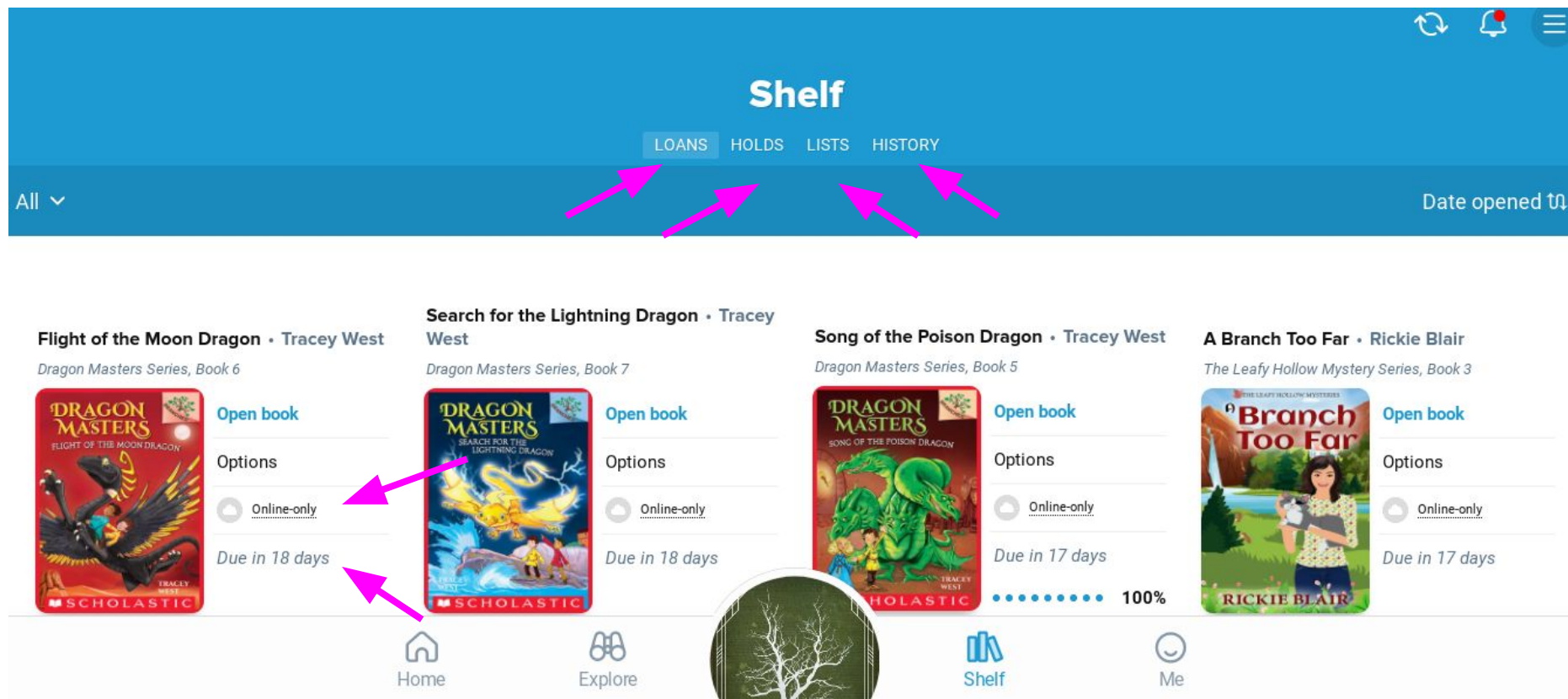
Shelf



Me



The Home tab shows the books you have signed out and assignments (won't be any this year). It also has your defined words and your notes you have made in books you have read.



The Shelf tab shows your loans, holds, wish list, and loan history. It also shows if you have the book downloaded on this device (not possible on a chromebook as you can see) and when the book is due to return to the library (you are locked out).

**Your nickname**

York Catholic District School Board



Total books opened  
**25**

Average time per book  
**11 min.**

Total time read  
**4 hr. 43 min.**

Current streak  
**3 days**

Average time per session  
**7 min.**

Longest streak  
**3 days**

## Achievements

4/30 achievements earned!



Home



Explore



Shelf



Me

The Me tab has your statistics. You can earn some badges and keep track of how much time you spend reading eBooks.

🔍 Search for a book

## Explore

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Markham Public Library

Richmond Hill Public Library

Toronto Public Library

Vaughan Public Libraries

+ Add a library

🏠 Home

📖 Explore

Make your experience 1000% better! On the explore tab, add a public library (or several).

From IE 📄 D2L 🛠️ YCDSB Helpdesk 📺 21c Learning 📖 STROLibrary 🔍 Google 🏠 Classroom 📍 Maps 📘 Facebook

## Find your library

🔍 Richmond Hill

MATCHING LIBRARIES

Department of

4 MATCHING BRANCHES OF 6

2,924

my school

Libraries

Richmond Hill Public Library

Markham Public Library

First District RESA Shared Digital Collection

York Region District School Board

Search for a book

### Sign into Toronto Public Library

Card Number

PIN

Sign in

The first time you try to sign out a book from the public library, you will have to enter your public library card number and PIN. After that, it will remember your information.

Public library cards are free to you if you live, work, or go to school in a municipality.

Vaughan, Richmond Hill, and Markham have a sharing agreement where you can borrow from all three libraries with a card from any city.

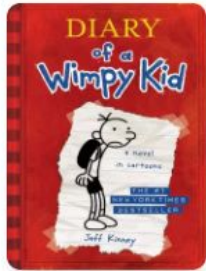


# What can you access through Sora?

Over 400 ebook and audio book titles in the start-up package which has unlimited access for 2021. This means you can read one of these titles at the same time as your friend, your whole class, or your whole school.

## Diary of a Wimpy Kid • Jeff Kinney

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series, Book 1*



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## Wonder • R. J. Palacio

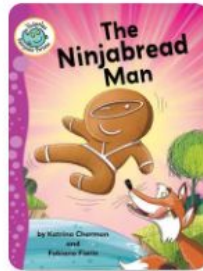


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## The Ninjabread Man • Katrina Charman



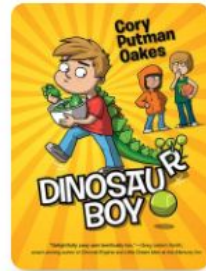
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## Dinosaur Boy • Cory Putman Oakes

*Dinosaur Boy Series, Book 1*



[Borrow](#)

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## Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

# What can you access through Sora?

Thousands of ebook and audiobook titles from your public library (which are limited to one user per copy). This means sometimes, you will have to wait, because someone else is reading the copy. You can place a hold to be next.

## Markham Public Library

### The Hunger Games • Suzanne Collins

*The Hunger Games Series, Book 1*



[Borrow](#)

[Listen to sample](#)

[Add to list](#)

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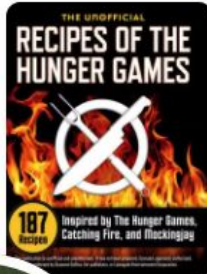
[Place hold](#)



[Read sample](#)

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### The Unofficial Recipes of The Hunger Games • Rockridge University Press

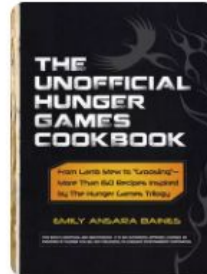


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### The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook • Emily Ansara Baines



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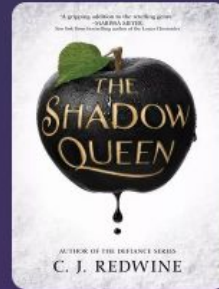
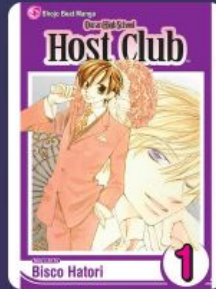
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# What can you access through Sora?

eBooks or audiobooks that your teacher-librarian purchased for just the students at your school. These books will appear on your screen as being in the YCDSB collection, but actually are only visible to students at your school. They are usually one-user per one-copy.

## New eBook additions



Over 200 books >

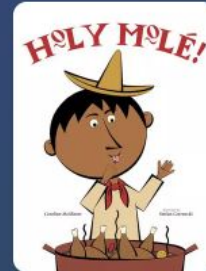
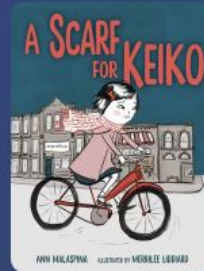
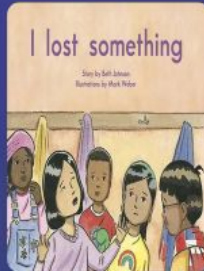
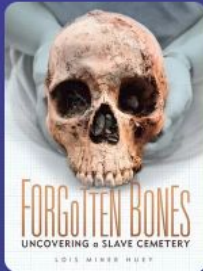
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YCDSB library books are loaned for two weeks.

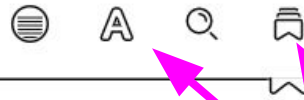
Public library books are normally loaned for three weeks.

You can renew before the due date as long as there isn't a "hold" placed on the book by another person.

## Own Voices / Diversity Collection



Over 50 books >



Clicking on the left or right of the screen will turn to the next or previous page.

Clicking in the centre will give you settings/options such as changing the font or the background colour or adding highlights and notes.

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An undercurrent of muttering grew louder. The protesters pressed in, their eyes narrowed. Travelers rolling overnight cases past the line of parked buses stopped to see what was happening.

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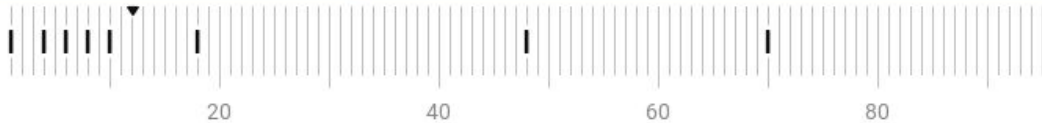
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of 548

Chapters

7p →



20

40

60

80

Great for reading at night





# Teachers:

Teachers log in to SORA with their **Active Directory (school computer) credentials.**

Teachers can access SORA the following ways:

- Through the YCDSB APPS bookmark on their Chrome account OR
- Via this link: <https://soraapp.com/library/ycdsbca>

By logging in to SORA through the YCDSB APPS bookmark or via the above link, teachers will be able to view the Advantage Account curated collections students have access to. This only matters if your school has an Advantage Account (your school is purchasing extra ebooks for your schools' students).