

Northeastern Utah Educational Services



Media Resources

NUES Sora Digital Library Resource Booklet

Resource for Librarians and Educators
What it is; How it works; Help



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What is NUES?

Northeastern Utah Educational Services

aka: NUES (“news”); N U Center

[NUES Home Page](#)

NUES is a state funded education entity created to provide support and training services at no cost to you.

Serving these Rural Utah LEAs:

Daggett, Duchesne, Morgan, North Summit, Park City, Rich, Soldier Hollow CS, South Summit, Terra Academy, Uintah, Uintah River, Wasatch, Weilenmann School of Discovery, Winter Sports School

Northeastern Utah Educational Services (NUES) is one of Utah's four [Regional Service Centers](#) established to assist school districts in providing equitable and cost-effective services and programs for students in rural Utah to match those offered to students on Utah's urban Wasatch-front.

NUES provides cooperative services and assists school districts in delivering efficient, equitable and quality educational programs that empower educators to increase student achievement and learning.

All Students Achieving Their Potential

The NUES BOARD consists of all District Superintendents and Charter School Principals and Directors.

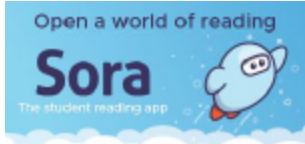
What is NUES media?

[NUES Media](#)

NUES Sora Digital Library: NUES Sora Digital Library is available for our students and educators to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our digital collection.

NUES Educational Kits: The NUES regional service center in Heber is a partner location housing Educational Kits for the STEM action center and four Utah museum’s outreach programs. As a benefit to our educators, NUES offers delivery and pick-up of these kits directly to your school. NUES also has 25 Vernier Go Direct Science Probes/Sensors available for check-out.

NUES SORA DIGITAL LIBRARY



[Sora Digital Library Link](#)

NUES Sora Digital Library is available for our students and educators to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our digital collection.

We have over 10,000 titles focused on the interests of elementary, middle and high school students. Our digital library contains special collections which include books in Spanish, read-along books, decodable texts, and hi/low reads. Our collection also contains a large selection of Duke Classics: quality, professionally-produced classics.

New to NUES Sora: students can now connect with their public library's digital collection for access to additional reading resources.

To connect to our NUES Sora Digital Library, sign in directly through Soraapp.com, [OverDrive's student app](#), or download the Sora App on your device.

**First time users select 'setup code:' nuesut
(or Choose My School: Northeastern Utah Educational Services)**

To sign in, use the same sign-in information you use to access your school computer.

*If there is a problem with your sign-in credentials, please contact your school IT department! Your district / charter controls your Sora sign-in!

MORE:

If you have any questions, book suggestions, training requests about SORA please email Dawn@nucenter.org

If you have any questions about sign in credentials please reach out to your school district's IT department. Your district controls your Sora sign in.

Please be sure to have a link to SORA on your library's webpage!

Example: Timpanogos Middle School facebook page posted a great series of graphics about connecting to Sora.
<https://www.facebook.com/timpanogosmiddleschool/photos/pcb.2585541594996455/2585541104996504/?type=3&theater>

Example: Wasatch High School Library Website: Sora is the student platform for our school's OverDrive Digital Library.
<https://www.wasatch.edu/Page/15899>

User policies:

My users can borrow up to 3 titles at a time.

My users can place holds on up to 3 titles at a time.

Lending periods: Ebooks & Audiobooks 14 days

Content Access Levels:




Adult: grades 9-12

Young Adult: grades 6-8

Juvenile: grades k-5

Overdrive / Libby / Sora

What's the difference?

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 LIBBY APP	 SORA APP	 OVERDRIVE "CLASSIC" APP
- Public Libraries - Recommended app for users to enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines from their library.	- Schools - Student reading app that brings ebooks and audiobooks to K-12 schools.	- Public Libraries & Schools - OverDrive's first app that was released for iOS and Android in 2011. Includes some features that are coming soon to Libby.

What is Sora:

Your OverDrive school platform is a custom digital collection of ebooks and audiobooks that's available to your students 24/7. Each district or school builds their individual content plan from our catalog of millions of titles from thousands of publishers. Once your collection is live, educators can assign content and students can also browse and borrow titles on their own, if desired. Students can access titles through the Sora app or soraapp.com. They can also send ebooks to Kindle (U.S. only).

Students with compatible devices can access your digital content using the free Sora app (for Android and iOS). Otherwise, they can go to soraapp.com in a browser. Most titles can be downloaded for offline use in the app and in certain browsers.

If students want to send ebooks to Kindle (U.S. only), they'll need a Kindle device or the free Kindle reading app.

How books are purchased

What are the differences between lending models? A lending model is a set of purchasing and borrowing terms for digital content, determined by the publisher.

One Copy/One User (OC/OU) titles can be borrowed by one person at a time, and they never expire from your digital collection.

Metered Access (MA) titles expire from your digital collection after a certain amount of time or number of checkouts. There are four types of MA titles:

MA: BY TIME (ONE USER)

Expire from your digital collection after a certain amount of time (e.g., 12 months)

Can be borrowed by one user at a time

MA: BY CHECKOUT (ONE USER)

Expire from your digital collection after a certain number of checkouts (e.g., 26 checkouts)

Can be borrowed by one user at a time

MA: BY CHECKOUT (CONCURRENT USERS)

Expire from your digital collection after a certain number of checkouts (e.g., 100 checkouts)

Can be borrowed by multiple users at the same time

MA: BY EARLIER OF X TIME OR Y CHECKOUTS (ONE USER)

Expire from your digital collection after a certain amount of time (e.g., two years) or checkouts (e.g., 52 checkouts), whichever comes first

Can be borrowed by one user at a time

Cost Per Circ (CPC) lending model, you only pay when your users borrow titles.

Those CPC titles can be borrowed by an unlimited number of users at the same time, until your budget for the month and format runs out.

Simultaneous Use (SU) titles can be borrowed by an unlimited number of users at the same time. They usually expire from your digital collection after a determined period (for example, after one year); the only exceptions are titles added through the Project Gutenberg Simultaneous Use plan, which never expire.

Simultaneous Use titles are added either as individual titles or as "plans" from specific publishers. For example, a publisher's Simultaneous Use plan might allow you to select any 50 titles from that publisher for a flat fee, and circulate those titles to an unlimited number of simultaneous users for one year.

Class Sets (schools and academic libraries only)

Some publishers offer titles as Class Sets (available for schools and academic libraries only).

When you purchase a Class Set of a title, you purchase the exact number of copies that you need for the length of time you need. Each copy is reserved for a specific student, and will be automatically borrowed for that student on your specified start date. Once your Class Set period ends, the Class Set copies of the title expire from your collection.

Many titles that are available as Class Sets are also available under the One Copy/One User lending model.

Advantage Accounts

We have a number of schools / school districts who have set up individual Advantage Accounts. Purchase your own library books which are included on the Sora app but only visible and available to your students.

Please feel free to contact Noel with questions or to set up an Advantage Account. (She's great)

OverDrive Account Manager

Noel Zickefoose

"I can help with any questions, requests, or feedback about your OverDrive service."

(216) 573-6886 x 1274

nzickefoose@overdrive.com

Content Access Levels (CAL)

NUES: Content Access Levels for each district correspond with the school district authentication logins. The majority are set up using a student's graduation year. This is updated by OverDrive at the beginning of each school year. The students should only be able to view the titles in SORA that are at their CAL and below.

Upon purchase of a title it is available to all levels. I go in and change the designated CAL. (Content appropriate for...) I try to leave them at the publisher suggested level, but I do level-up books that include mature content. **If you find a title that should have the CAL adjusted please let me know.**

Adult: grades 9-12

Young Adult: grades 6-8

Juvenile: grades k-5

When students add their Public County Library to their Sora account the CAL for the public library books they are able to view and check out are all set using the publishers levels of K-8=Juvenile, 9-10=Young Adult, and 11-12 and staff=Adult.

Public Library Connect

You can use Sora and your School ID to browse your county library and borrow books.

NUES Sora and Utah's Online Library's OverDrive can be connected via library card OR school ID #!

Utah's Online Library via our County Libraries have signed up to let our NUES school districts students connect to the statewide OverDrive collection via Sora App and school ID. [with the exception of Daggatt, Duchesne, and our charter schools, OverDrive is working with UOL on those]

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Instructions: [Public Library Connect Marketing Kit](#)

<https://resources.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/marketing-outreach-trending/>

What are some benefits of Sora:

The Sora app has one essential mission: to **get your students reading more**. Whether it's for class or fun, Sora empowers readers by pairing titles from the best catalog of ebooks and audiobooks available to schools with tools to engage every student, no matter their level, preference or pace. One account. Read and listen on **any device**. CHROMEBOOKS TABLETS LAPTOPS DESKTOPS PHONES

Titles can be downloaded and read offline for students without home internet access or when connectivity is an issue.

Perks for teachers, perks for students:

Read with a tap: Borrow and open books with one tap.

Achievements: Students earn badges by reading books and using Sora app features, increasing engagement

Notes and Highlights: Students can make **notes and highlights** within Sora as they read or export them to PDF, CSV, and Google Drive to share with you.

Reading Stats: Sora tracks number of books read, student reading time, time per book, and more.

Review one on one to set student reading goals!

Public Library Access: Students can browse, search, and borrow books from the public library to ensure they have immediate access to the content they need.

Meet the unique needs of all your readers including **ESL and special-needs students** with powerful tools like audiobooks and **Read-Alongs, dyslexic font, adjustable text, a multilingual interface** and **Google Translate**.

A state-of-the-art reading experience.

Whether you're reading for class or for fun, Sora's ebook reader makes it easy.

Powerful tools: Add bookmarks, make notes and highlights, define words, and more.

Fixed-layout support: Comic books, graphic novels, picture books, and textbooks as they're meant to be read.

Read-alongs: Select titles have professional narration so you can follow along with the text.

Reading settings for everyone: Adjust the font type (including dyslexic font), font size, and lighting in most books.

Synced progress: Your place, bookmarks, notes, and highlights sync between devices, so you can pick up right where you left off.

An easy, beautiful audiobook player. Listen when, where, and how you want to.

Jump around: Swipe on the book jacket to jump backward or forward, or use the seek bar to go to a specific spot.

Set a timer: Customize the sleep timer for a certain amount of time or the end of the current chapter.

Adjustable playback speed: Increase narration speed up to 3x.

Bookmarks and more: Add bookmarks, notes, and highlights as you listen.

Synced progress: Your place, bookmarks, notes, and highlights sync between devices, so you can pick up right where you left off.

Getting started with Sora

<https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/home.htm>

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Step 1

Install the Sora app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#), or go to soraapp.com.

Step 2

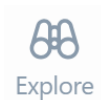
In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

Setup Code: nuesut Or Choose my library: Northeastern Utah Educational Services

Note: If you need your sign-in information (like an ID, username, or password), talk to your librarian.

This is normally your school 'computer use' login which is set by your school district IT department.

Step 3



Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

Step 4



Close the book and go to **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:

- Select Open book or Open audiobook to read or listen to the book.
- Select Options to renew or return the book, see your notes and highlights, and more.

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TO SIGN IN: Same sign in information you use to access your school computer.

Sora Resources/Help

K-12 schools OverDrive Education - Discover Sora

<https://company.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/>

OverDrive Resources K-12 Schools: We've designed resources to help you educate and engage your entire school community: students, parents, and teachers.

<https://resources.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/>

Meet Sora, the new reading app for students, by OverDrive.

Great 1 minute video introducing Sora to Students!

Open a world of reading. Features; Educators; Ebooks; Audiobooks

<https://meet.soraapp.com/>

How Can We Help You? Sora app Help

<https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/home.htm>

Getting started: How to get Sora and start reading

Using Sora: How to find books, make notes, and more

Troubleshooting: Tips and step-by-step solutions

Sora reading app overview - Brochure

https://static.od-cdn.com/Sora_Brochure_6P_SinglePages.pdf

Sora outage today? The status page you can check anytime someone gets an error when signing in to Sora. Overdrive will post any outage information and updates here

<https://status.overdrive.com/>

OverDrive Resource Center K-12 Schools

<https://resources.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/>

We've designed resources to help you educate and engage your entire school community: students, parents, and teachers.

Marketing & Outreach [Explore](#)

We are here to help you get the word out about your school's digital collection. Explore the free resources below to print, distribute, or share digitally.

- Bookmarks; - Posters, flyers, & other print assets; - Website/Social Media Graphics; - Instructions/Guides

What's trending? Check here every month for a rotation of new and timely promotional resources.

Print and go! Download free templates to display or distribute in your library and around your school.

Reach out to new readers! Download communication templates and get new ideas to engage students and inform parents.

Staff Training [Explore](#)

Fit learning into your busy schedule with access to on-demand training modules, downloadable PDFs, upcoming webinars, and tools to educate your staff and end users any time of day or night.

Upcoming Webinars; On-Demand Webinars; How-To Videos; Training Kits

Apps & Features [Explore](#)

Learn about apps, features, and service enhancements to maximize your school's collection and reach more users in your community.

Public Library CONNECT Give students access to age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks from the local public library, right within the Sora app.

Read-Alongs Narrated ebooks, perfect for engaging with developing readers.

Kindle Students can enjoy the option to read ebooks on Kindle devices (U.S. only)

Accessibility Features **Dyslexic font, high contrast** settings, and more throughout Sora's interface and in individual ebooks.

Classroom Features Learn easy to implement tips and tricks to integrate Sora into your classroom curriculum.

Some Examples:

Getting Started Guides

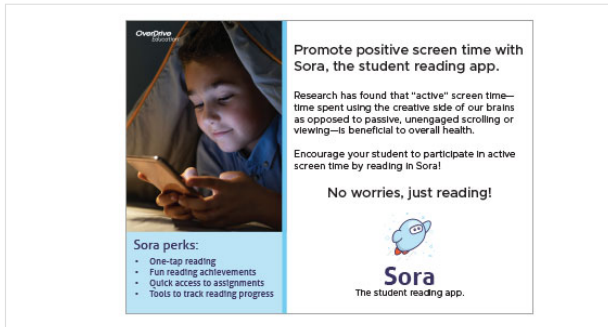


This kit includes 7 guides in Full and Halfsheet format. Sora Getting Started Guides also available in Spanish and French.



Screen Time Postcard

1 Postcard



Back to School Kit

This kit includes 1 Poster and 3 Web Graphics.



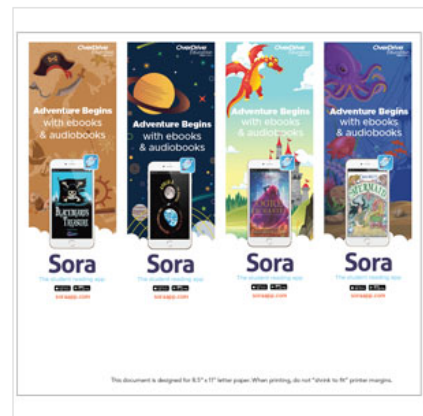
Adventure Begins! Teen Bookmarks

This kit includes 5 bookmarks.



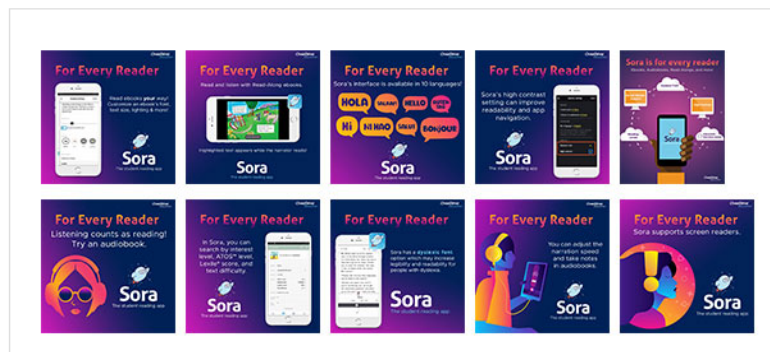
Adventure Begins! Kids Bookmarks

This kit includes 5 sheets of Bookmarks (Front & Back).



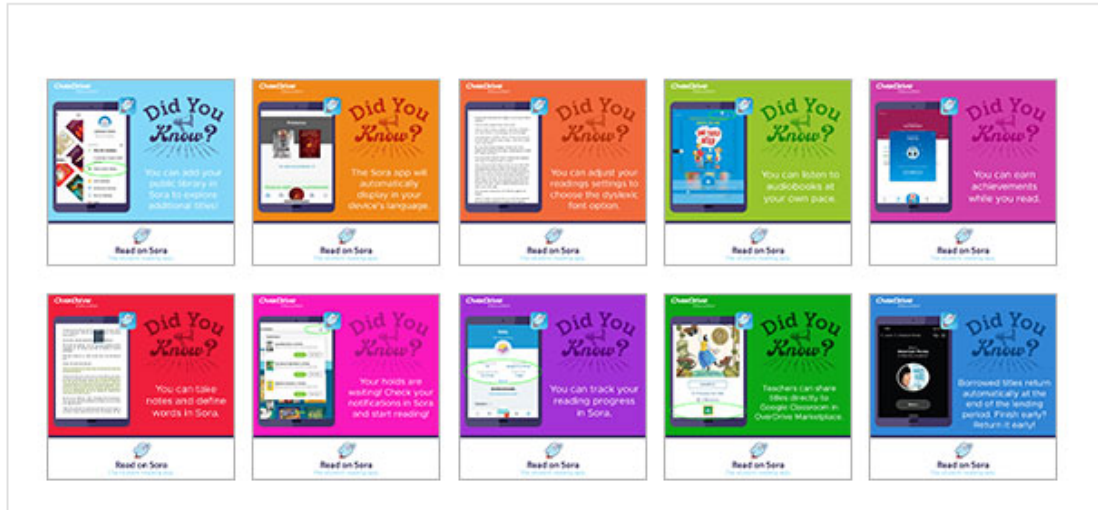
For Every Reader Kit

This kit contains 1 Flyer and 9 Graphics.



Did You Know? Graphics

This kit contains 4 Web Graphics



Promotional Videos 4 items

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