

# Sora eBooks & Audiobooks

Sora is a digital reading platform for families to access eBooks, audiobooks and Read-Along books for education and enjoyment.

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# Getting Started with Sora

**Sora** is the HCOS digital reading platform, providing students and teachers with instant access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks anytime, anywhere. It's a simple and engaging way to support reading and learning across all grade levels.

## Getting Started

**Step 1:** Go to <https://soraapp.com/library/heritageca> and click on "Heritage Christian Online School."

Showing 2 schools

### Heritage Christian Online School

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Heritage Christian Online School

All Other Patrons

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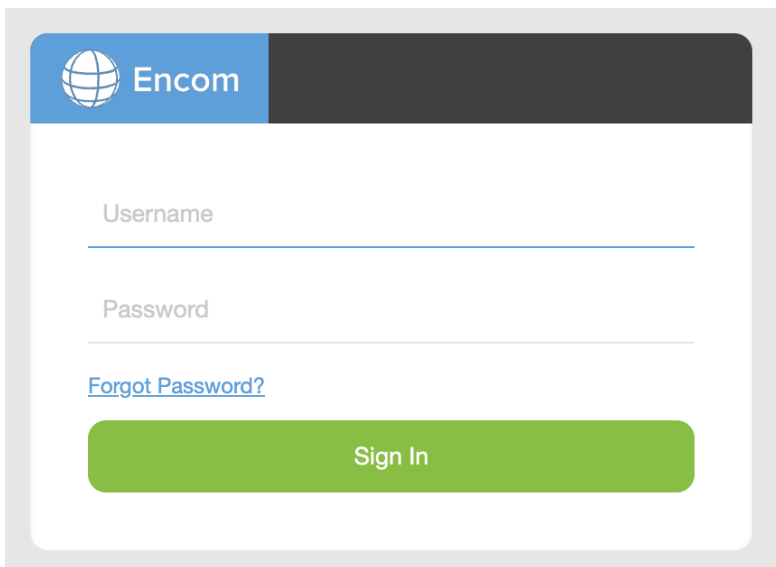
**Step 2:** Click "Sign in using Heritage Christian Online School."

### Sign into Heritage Christian Online School

Sign in using Heritage Christian Online School

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**Step 3:** Sign in with your Encom account.

A screenshot of the Encom login interface. At the top left, there is a blue header with a globe icon and the word "Encom". Below this, there are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A blue link labeled "Forgot Password?" is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form is a green "Sign In" button.

Username

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

Sign In

Sora is also available as an app from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

## Sora Support Videos

- [The Sora Essentials Experience](#) (30-minute long, explains all the features of Sora)
- [Filtering Collections or Search Results 30-second Video](#)
- [Reading Challenges](#) (how to make a challenge for your students). This would work well with our Read for Change contest.
- [Reading Goals](#) (set your student's reading goals on Sora)

# Book Formats


There are three main book formats in Sora: eBooks, audiobooks, and read-along books.

## eBooks

eBooks have text and images, but no audio.

View the [eBook Reader Tutorial](#) for more information about navigating this type of book in Sora.

## Audiobooks

Audiobooks are fully audio files. They have a cover image for the book, but no text or images. The headphones symbol  beneath the cover image indicates audiobook availability.

View the [Audiobook Reader Tutorial](#) for more information about navigating this type of book in Sora.

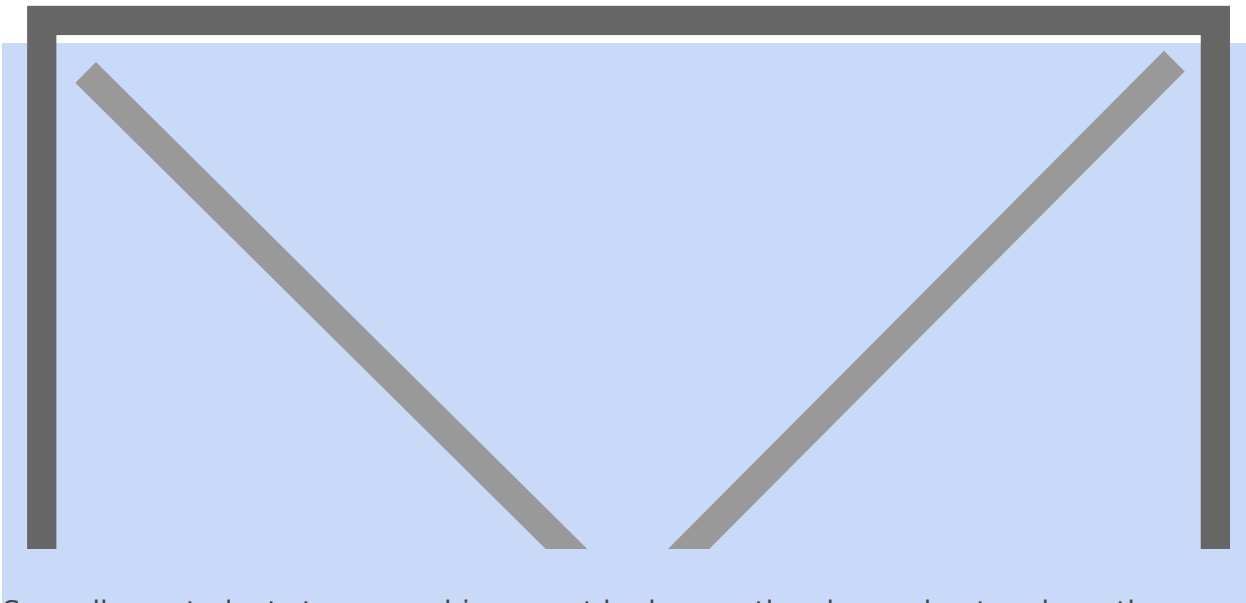
## Read-Along Books

Read-along books have text, images, and audio. Some titles will highlight the text as the audio plays. In Sora, read-along books are available in both fiction and non-fiction genres.

# Profiles & Badges

Users can set up their Sora profile to add personalization and collect badge rewards.

Go to <https://soraapp.com/profile>. At the top left-hand corner, click "Edit profile" to add your nickname and change your image.



Sora allows students to earn achievement badges as they learn about and use the program. Scroll down to view badges on your profile page.

Badges that have been earned will show a coloured image of the badge. When the badge is earned, there will be a pop-up on the screen showing the badge and congratulating the student.



## **Blast Off!**

Open Sora and sign in for the first time

Badges that still need to be earned will tell the badge's name in bold and how to earn the badge beneath the name and the empty badge placeholder. Can you collect them all?



## **Out of This World**

Earn all achievements

# Assistive Technology

Different fonts and formatting styles are available to meet many reading needs.

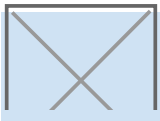
## OpenDyslexic

**OpenDyslexic** is a font created by Abbie Gonzalez and made available for public use. Its goal is to help dyslexic readers overcome some of the most common stumbling blocks. The benefits of using OpenDyslexic include:

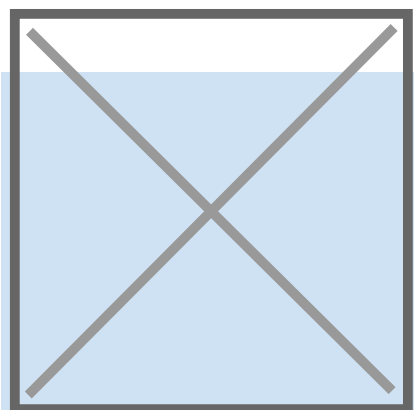
- All letters are spaced further apart so individual letters can be more easily seen.
- The lines used in the lettering change thickness in different areas so readers can more easily distinguish between similarly structured letters.
- The first letter of the first word in a sentence is always bold to help readers know where the sentence starts.

There are two steps to turn on OpenDyslexic in your browser or app:

**Step 1:** Click on the hamburger menu (three lines) to open the dropdown menu.



**Step 2:** Use the "Dyslexic Font" toggle switch to turn this feature on and off.

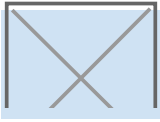


High Contrast

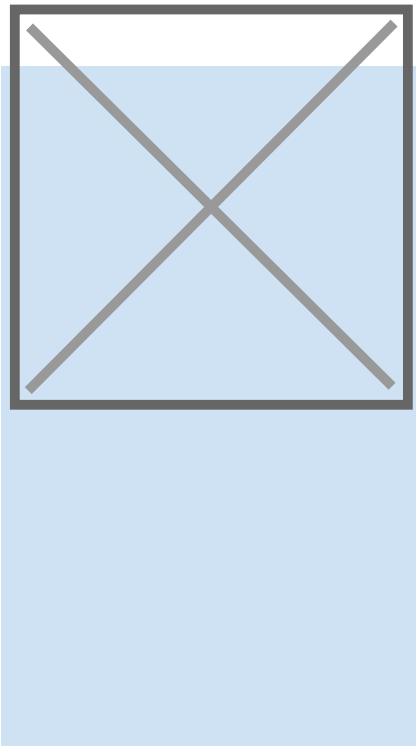
High contrast mode reverses the colours of background and texts while adding yellow accents, creating a stark contrast that some users desire.

There are two steps to turn on High Contrast Mode in your browser or app:

**Step 1:** Click on the hamburger menu (three lines) to open the dropdown menu.



**Step 2:** Use the "High Contrast Mode" toggle switch to turn this feature on and off.



# Changing the Loan Period

The standard loan period in Sora is 14 days, however, there are options for 7, 21, and 28 days. Some readers may benefit from longer loan periods for larger projects.

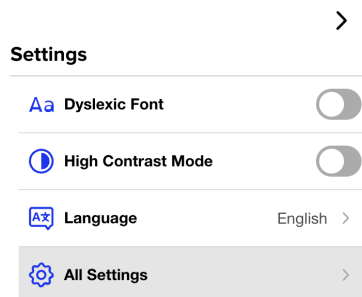
There are four steps to adjust the loan period in your browser or app:

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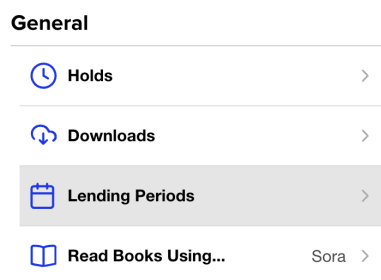
**Step 1:** Click on the hamburger menu (three lines) to open the dropdown menu.



**Step 2:** Click on "All Settings."



**Step 3:** Click on "Lending Periods."



**Step 4:** Adjust the lending periods as desired, then click on "Done."

Select a lending period for titles from Heritage Christian Online School.

Some titles have lending periods that can't be changed.

**Ebooks**

- 7 days
- 14 days**
- 21 days
- 28 days

**Audiobooks**

- 7 days
- 14 days**
- 21 days
- 28 days

**Magazines**

- 7 days
- 14 days**
- 21 days
- 28 days

# Adding Public Library Accounts

You can use Sora to access eBooks, audiobooks, and read-along books through HCOS and your local public library.


There are two steps to add your local library to Sora in your browser or app:

**Step 1:** Click on the hamburger menu (three lines) to open the dropdown menu.



**Step 2:** Click on the "+Add library" button, then search for your local library and sign in using the information found on your library card.

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**Your nickname**

Heritage Christian Online School

0 of 8  
Loans

0 of 5  
Holds

**Libraries**

Edit

★ Heritage Christian Online School ✓

+ Add library