# OverDrive eBooks is now Sora

OverDrive eBooks will now be accessed through the Sora platform. Sora is available on a mobile device via an app or in a browser on a desktop/laptop computer. The books in the collection remain the same. Loans are still one-user-at-a-time, first-come-first-served basis. All users are limited to 8 loans at a time.
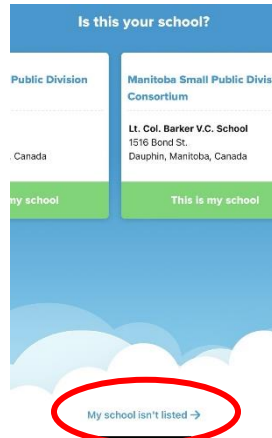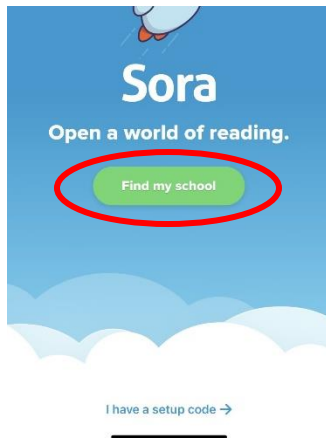
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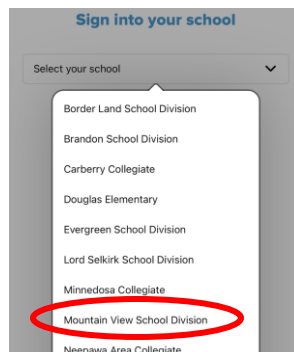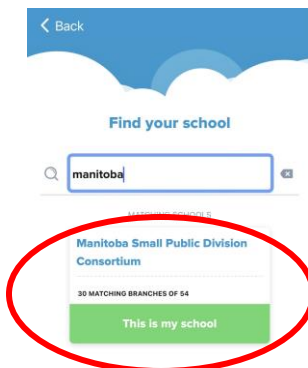
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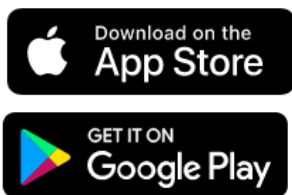
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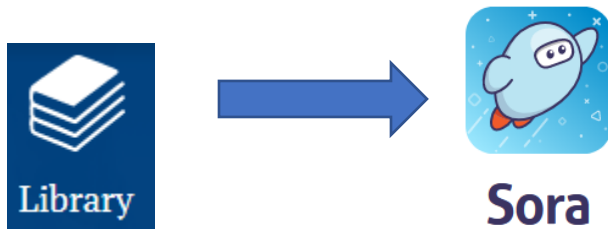

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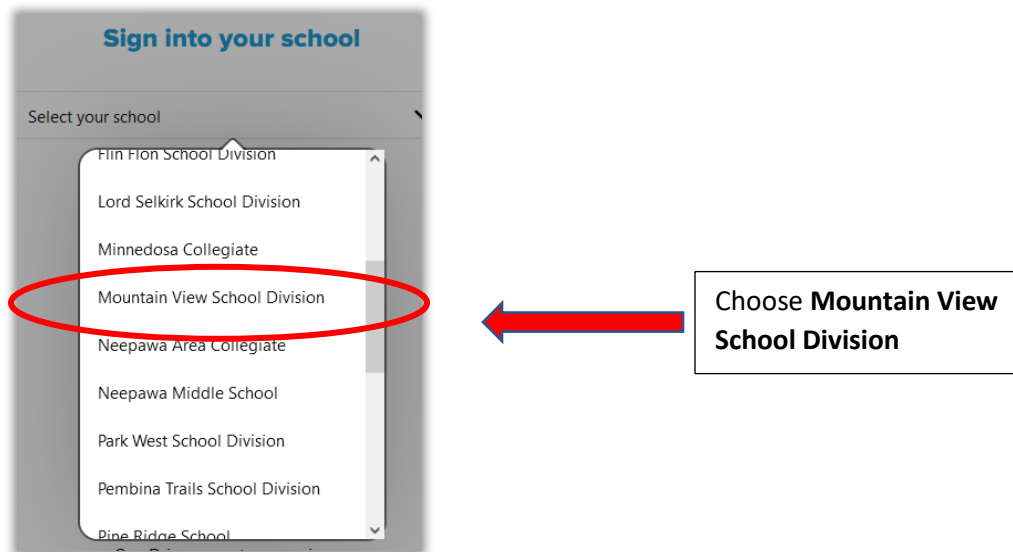

Enter your library card number (from your school librarian); your password is the last 4 digits of your library card number.

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To use Sora on a desktop/laptop computer, go to https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/202404 or click the Library icon found at the bottom of the MVSD website or any MVSD school's website, which takes you to the MVSD Library page. Then click the Sora app icon.

On the Sora website page, you will need to choose our account:

Click the green banner for **Manitoba Small Public Division Consortium**

Choose **Mountain View School Division**

Enter your library card number and password. If you do not know your library card number, please check with your school Library Assistant. Your password will be the last 4 digits of your library card number (for users with 3-digit library card numbers, your password will be the same as your card number).

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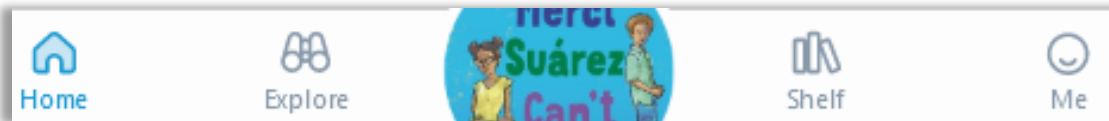
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Your library card number   ⊗

Password

Last 4 digits of your library card #

Sign in

Navigating the Site:

From the menu at the bottom of the page you can search for books, access your current items, etc.

Home   Explore   Shelf   Me

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Your account information: the books you have signed out, any notes you've made, etc.	Where to go to find books; search by subjects, theme-based lists, etc.	*A link for the book you are currently reading will be in the centre.*	All of your current loans, holds, lists, and history.	Your reading statistics, plus some fun reading achievement badges.

How to find something to read:

Click the Explore icon (binoculars) on the bottom menu. There are three ways to find books:

1. search by keyword
2. explore the various theme lists
3. check the Popular Subjects lists

Keyword: Type a title, author, or topic here

Theme lists: Click a cover or click All/ Over # books to see all in this set

Popular Subjects: the number shows how many titles are in the list

Enhance your Reading Experience:

Click the 3-line menu icon in the upper right corner to change your settings. You can choose dyslexic font, or make your display high contrast. You can also choose your preferred lending period.

Under "All Settings," you can choose your preferred lending period: 7, 14, or 28 days.
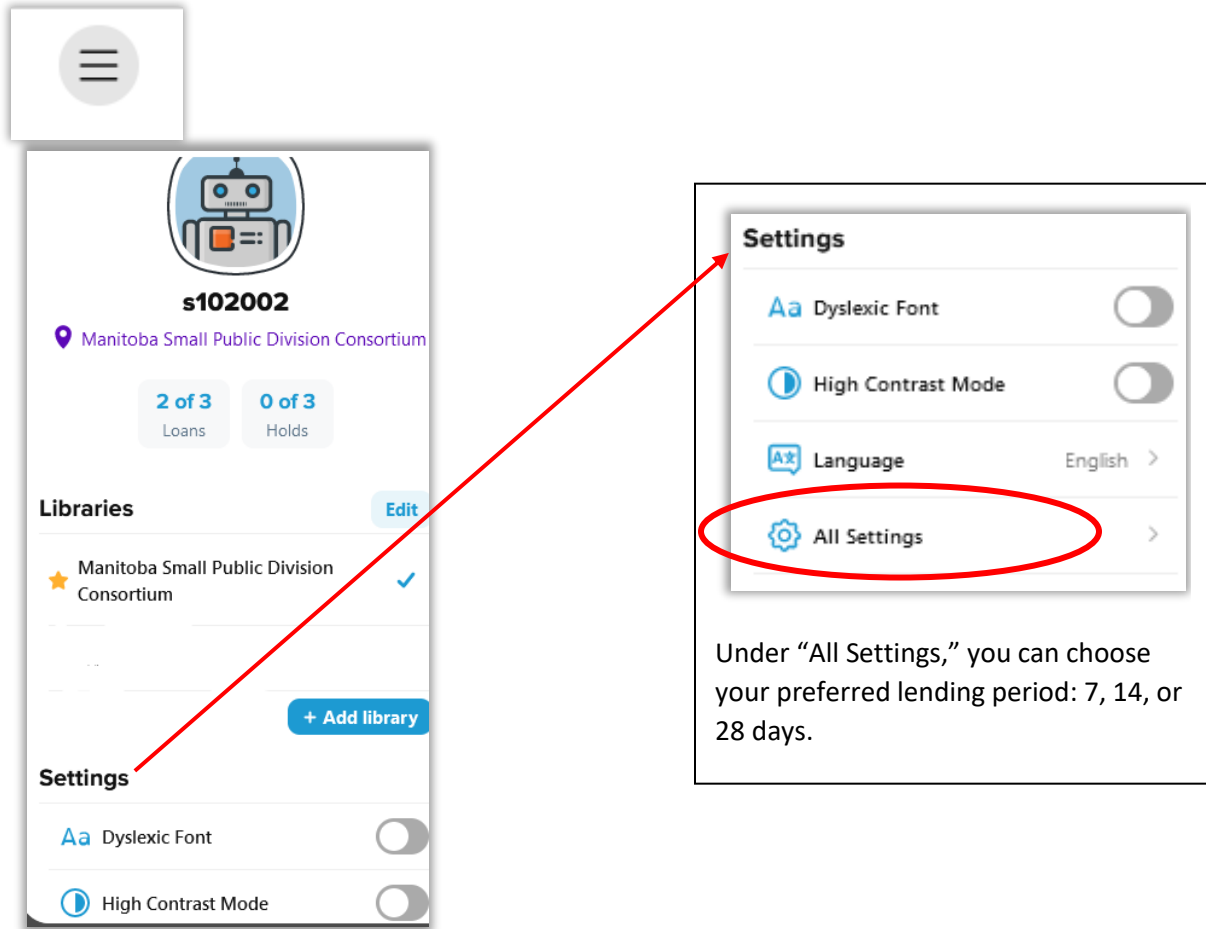
While you are reading a book you can make further changes or perform more tasks. Take a look at the icons in the upper right corner of the page while you are reading.


⊕ Change the layout between 2-page-spread and one-page-at-a-time.

Ⓐ Change the font, the font size, and the page contrast.

🔍 Search for a word or phrase within the book.

📑 Bookmark a page or highlight text.
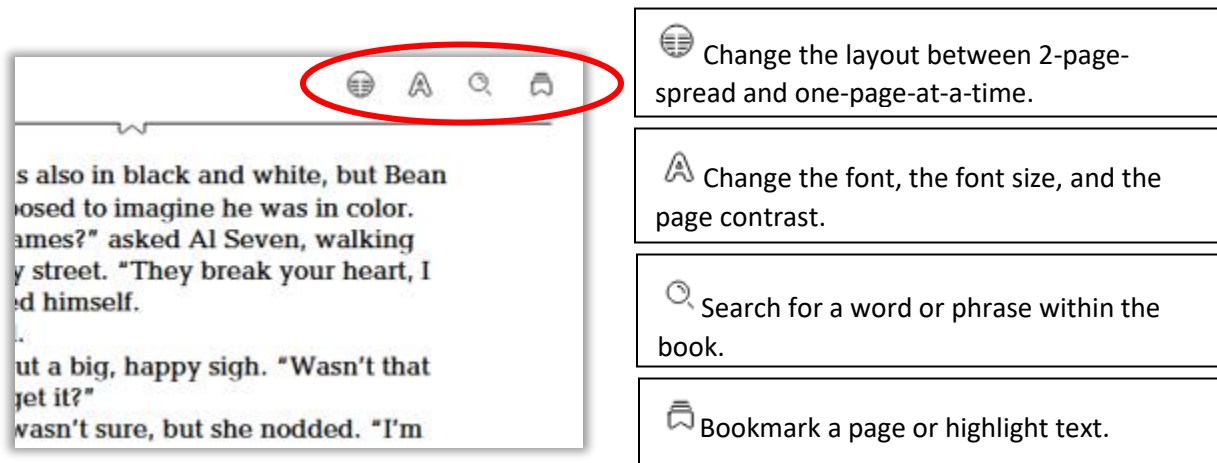
Frequently Asked Questions

Is it a Book or an Audiobook? Books will be rectangular and say "Read sample;" audiobooks will have square covers, have a headphone icon underneath, and say "Listen to sample."
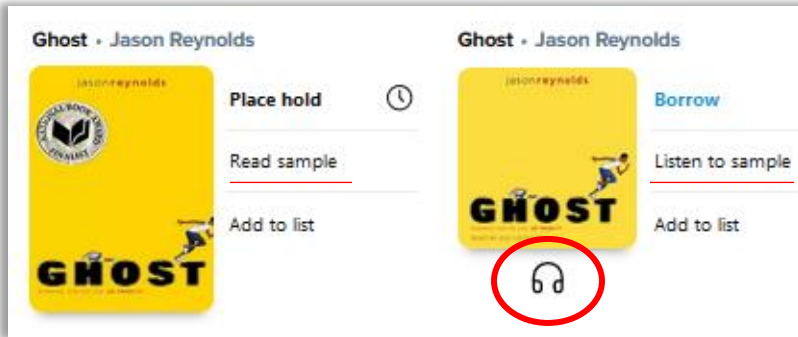
Is the book available right now? If it is available, it will say "Borrow" beside the cover. If it is not currently available, it will say "Place hold."
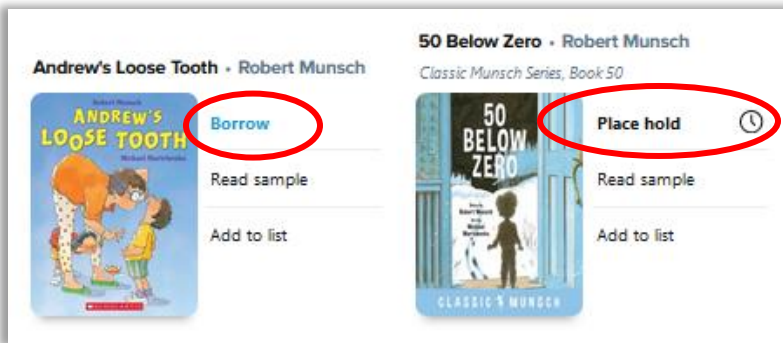
If I place a hold, how long do I have to wait? Click the cover to open the book record. Look below the cover picture for the estimated wait time. If someone returns the book early, you may get it earlier.

Click the time estimate for more information, including number of copies.

How will I know when my hold is available? When your hold is available, when you log in you will see a bell will a red dot in the upper right corner. When you click the bell, you will have the option to borrow the book now, or later on if you are not ready to read it at this time.
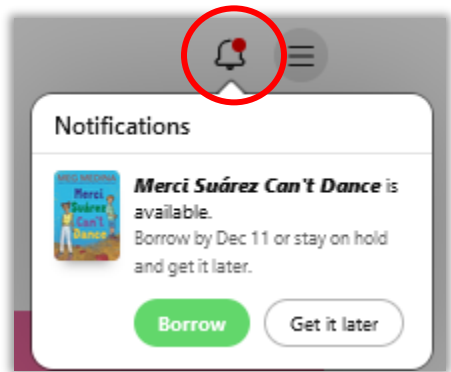
You will only have three days to check out your hold once it becomes available.

Are there any picture books that read the book aloud? Yes! They are called Read-along eBooks. If that option is available for a particular book it is listed as the format in the book record.
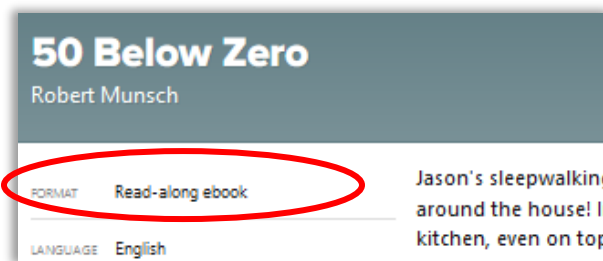
The narrator will read the book aloud and the text will be highlighted as you proceed.

How do I find which books have the Read-along option? To see all of the Read-along eBooks, click the Explore icon (binoculars); under the "Search for a book" box, click "More options" and then tick "Read-along eBooks" near the bottom of the list.

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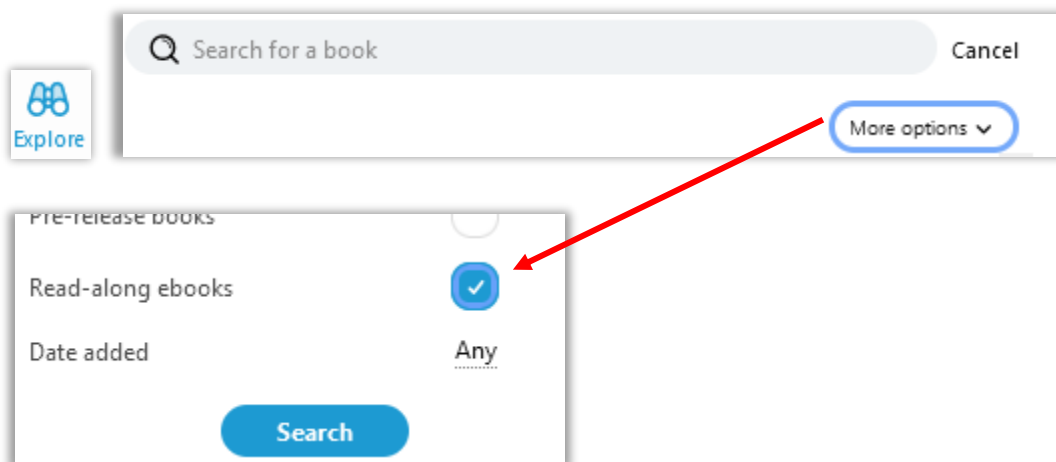
Do all picture books have the Read-along option? No. If it does not, the format will be listed as "Ebook," not "Read-along eBook."

Big Dog...Little Dog
P.D. Eastman

This one DOES NOT have the read-along option.
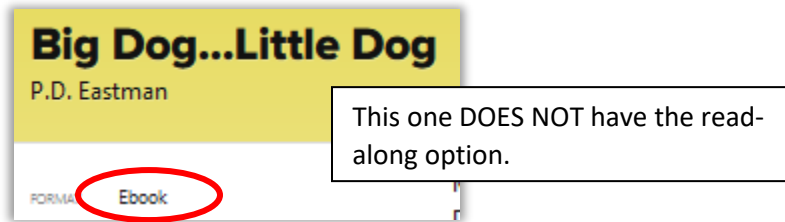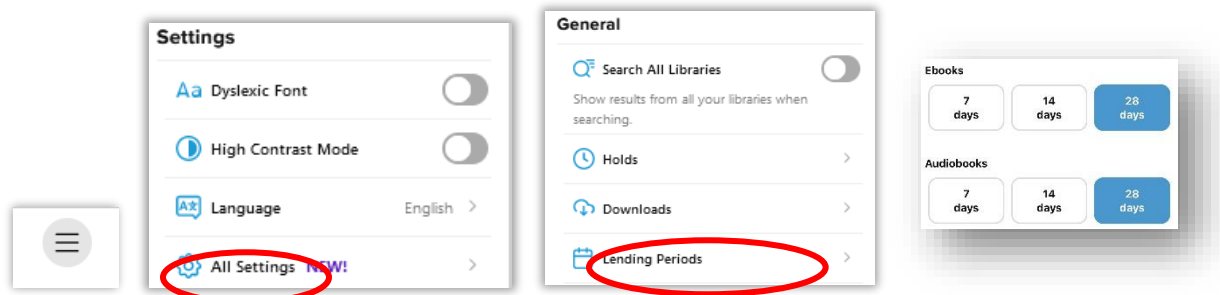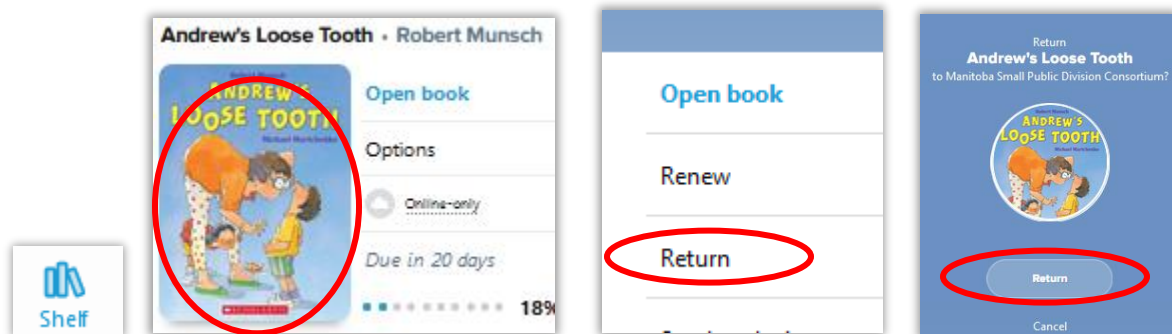
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Andrew's Loose Tooth · Robert Munsch

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Click beside "Format" to display just eBooks or just eAudiobooks if you prefer.