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Memo

To: All Principals
From: Dr. Mary Ann Reilly, Assistant Superintendent
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020
Re: How to access the Summer Reading List through **Sora** by Overdrive

First, thank you for your patience. The shift from physical books to e-books has been challenging. However, the books are ready now and the process is in place.

This summer, our students have the amazing opportunity to dive into books! Given the challenges of distributing physical copies of books, the Newark Board of Education contracted with **Sora** by Overdrive, the leading provider of digital content, to provide all students access to the summer reading list in an ebook format.



Who has access to these ebooks*?

- All students enrolled in the Newark Public Schools as of June 15, 2020 and all Language Arts teachers have been provided access to borrow these ebooks over the summer.

How can students access the ebooks on a computer?

- Students can go directly to the Summer Reading List web page linked off our Newark Board of Education homepage and click "Access Sora eBooks" or select their grade level from the Student Clever Portal. Once in Sora, students click "borrow" and can begin reading their ebook immediately.

How can students access the ebooks on a mobile device?

- Titles can be read offline by downloading the *Sora App* on an iOS or Android phone or tablet. Once downloaded, students should click "Find my School" and select "Newark Public Schools". If this does not appear, students should click the "My school isn't listed" text at the bottom and type "Newark Public Schools".



How many books can a student borrow at once?

- Students can borrow and read other books in the Sora library, however there is a limit of two checkouts at a time. If a student finishes a book before it's due, students can click on the Shelf icon and select **Loans** → **Options** → **Return**, then select **Return** again.



*Please note the 4th grade Spanish title has been changed to *Cómo la Tía Lola Vino de Vuelta a Quedarse* by Julia Alvarez and the 10th grade title has been changed to *Mil Veces Hasta Siempre* by John Green because the publishers have not made those titles available and now will not be published until October, 2020. Ms. Diaz conveyed this earlier this week to you.