

Digital Resource Guide: SOS Library Funding

Missouri Secretary of State's Office

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Sora (Student Reading App)

What it is:

Sora is a digital reading app designed specifically for students and schools. It provides access to eBooks, audiobooks, and other digital resources curated for educational use.

Who owns it:

Sora is developed and managed by OverDrive, the K–12 division of OverDrive.

How it works:

- Students log into Sora via their school credentials.
- Schools and districts curate content for their collections.
- Parental controls and filters can be managed at the local/school level.

OverDrive

What it is:

OverDrive is the parent company and digital content platform that powers both Sora (for participating schools) and Libby (for public libraries). It hosts and licenses digital media—books, audiobooks, magazines, and more—to libraries and schools across the country.

Key facts:

- OverDrive licenses digital content from publishers.
- It works with thousands of schools and libraries globally.
- They offer content filtering tools, including those used in Sora.

In Summary (How It All Fits Together in Missouri):

1. Sora = App students use
2. OverDrive = Parent company and content provider for Sora and Libby, which are separate applications

About the Missouri State Library

The Missouri State Library (MSL) is the official State Library of Missouri located in Jefferson City, Missouri. MSL provides library and reference services directly to the executive and legislative branches of the state's government. They support libraries in Missouri with resource sharing and continuing education programs as well as oversee state certification for public libraries. They also oversee Missouri Digital Heritage with the Missouri State Archives.

They publish the Missouri Public Library Standards, maintain a directory of all the libraries in the state, the Wolfner News, and an e-newsletter called the Show Me Express. They also create reference guides.

for other state agencies in Missouri. The Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library is housed within the State Library and offers free library services to anyone who is unable to read print materials.

About the Missouri Secretary of State's Office

The Missouri Secretary of State's Office serves as a central hub for key state functions that promote transparency, security, and opportunity for all Missourians. The Office oversees the administration of fair and secure elections, registers and supports businesses, maintains and preserves state records through the State Archives, and ensures public access to government rulemaking via the Administrative Rules Division.

Additionally, the Office protects investors through the Securities Division, supports libraries and literacy programs across the state, and administers the Safe at Home address confidentiality program for survivors of abuse and assault. With a commitment to service, accountability, and civic engagement, the Secretary of State's Office works every day to strengthen Missouri's government and communities.

About Secretary of State Denny Hoskins

Denny Hoskins, CPA, was elected Missouri's 41st Secretary of State in November 2024. With a strong background in business and public service, he is committed to improving government efficiency, transparency, and supporting Missouri families. Hoskins previously served as a legislator in both the state Senate and House. He and his wife, Michelle, reside in Warrensburg and have five adult children.

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