



Dear St. Mary Parents,

We are happy to announce that there is a new digital reading app available now for you and your students. Sora is a wonderful platform that uses OverDrive and is free to St. Mary students. It can be downloaded and used on phones, tablets, chromebooks, desktops, and laptops. It's also available through Apple or Android devices.

After the app is downloaded (Sora, by OverDrive ) or the website is launched ([soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com) ), search for and select Saint Mary School as your child's school. Students can log in using the first four letters of their first and last name. The student password is the same.

Explore and Personalize Accounts:

- Click the **+Preferences** bubble and set the **Audience** tab to **Juvenile**.
- Click the **+ Library** and add **Panhandle Library Access Network** or your personal library.
- Explore and set **Settings** to best meet the needs of your student.

Check out several new features designed to make reading fun and accessible to all students.

### Features

 <p><b>Read with a tap</b> Borrow and open books with one tap.</p>	 <p><b>Assignments</b> Assigned books show up automatically, and expire on a due date set by the school.</p>	 <p><b>Notes and Highlights</b> See your notes and highlights at any time in Sora, or export them to PDF, CSV, Google Drive, and more.</p>
 <p><b>Achievements</b> Earn badges by reading books and using app features.</p>	 <p><b>Reading Stats</b> See how many books you've read, your total reading time, and more.</p>	 <p><b>Search local public libraries</b> Browse, search, and borrow books from your public library.</p>

St. Mary will continue to work with teachers and your students to build a collection that both fits the curriculum and focuses on student interests. Filters have been added to ensure content is appropriate for your child's age (these are not applied to any public library ebooks if you choose to add that to your child's account). Picture books, read-alongs, chapter books, informational books, audiobooks, and graphic novels have all been selected to engage your student and encourage reading at the level where they are most comfortable.

For more information on Sora please visit [meet.soraapp.com](https://meet.soraapp.com) .

Happy Reading!