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### **Fresno County Public Library Offers Students New Reading Options with Sora**

Fresno County Public Library is teaming up with local schools to expand access to reading material for students. Thanks to a unique new partnership, students at participating schools can take advantage of the public library's expansive digital catalog for kids and teens, without the requirement of a library card.

With Sora, a new student reading app, Central Unified School District and Fresno Unified School District students have 24/7 access to a wealth of digital reading material. CUSD and FUSD students can now use Sora to access their school's collection of eBooks and digital audiobooks as well as the public library's digital collection, all in one app. In the future, the Library hopes to expand this collaboration to include additional county districts and schools.

By removing the requirement of a public library card for digital content, this partnership aims to foster literacy and instill a love of reading in youth by making access to books easier and more convenient than ever.

OverDrive currently has the largest catalog of eBooks, audiobooks and other digital media. It is distributed through a growing network of more than 43,000 libraries and schools in 75 countries. As the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools throughout the world, its goal is to create "a world enlightened by reading."

"The Library sees the need to stay current to meet the demands of our community. Offering one of the biggest digital collections of books is one of the ways we are improving service to our public," said County Librarian Raman Bath.



The Sora app can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and can also be accessed in web browsers at [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com). All county residents can explore Fresno County Public Library's eBooks and digital audiobooks collection via the free Libby app or by visiting [fresno.overdrive.com](http://fresno.overdrive.com). Both apps are powered by OverDrive, the world's leading provider of digital content for public libraries and schools.

For more information about this and other programs and services offered by the Fresno County Public Library, please visit our website: [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org) or call the library at (559) 600-7323 (READ).

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