

Access eBooks From Home with Sora

(Note: Sora is also available as a free App. Sora is the App version for the Overdrive book database. Instructions for accessing Overdrive are below.)

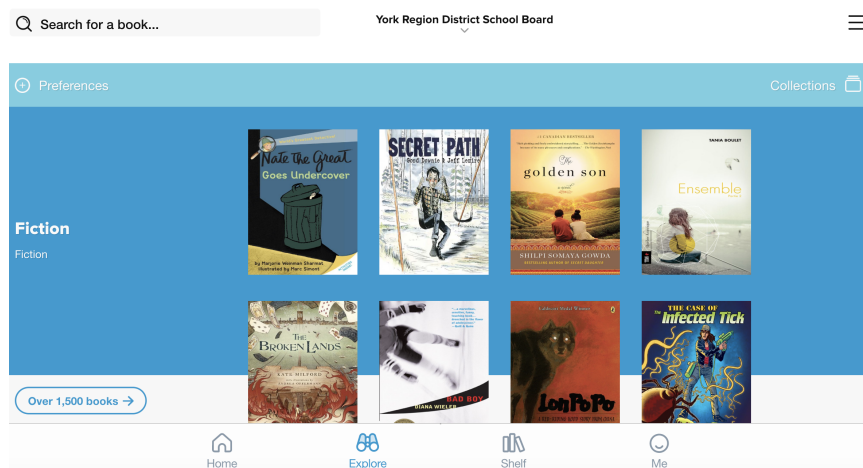
The York Region District School Board has access to Sora, a digital library that lets students and staff borrow ebooks and audiobooks anytime, anywhere. You can now read and listen to books on your home computer, mobile device, and eReader! All you need to get started is an internet connection and your student or employee number.

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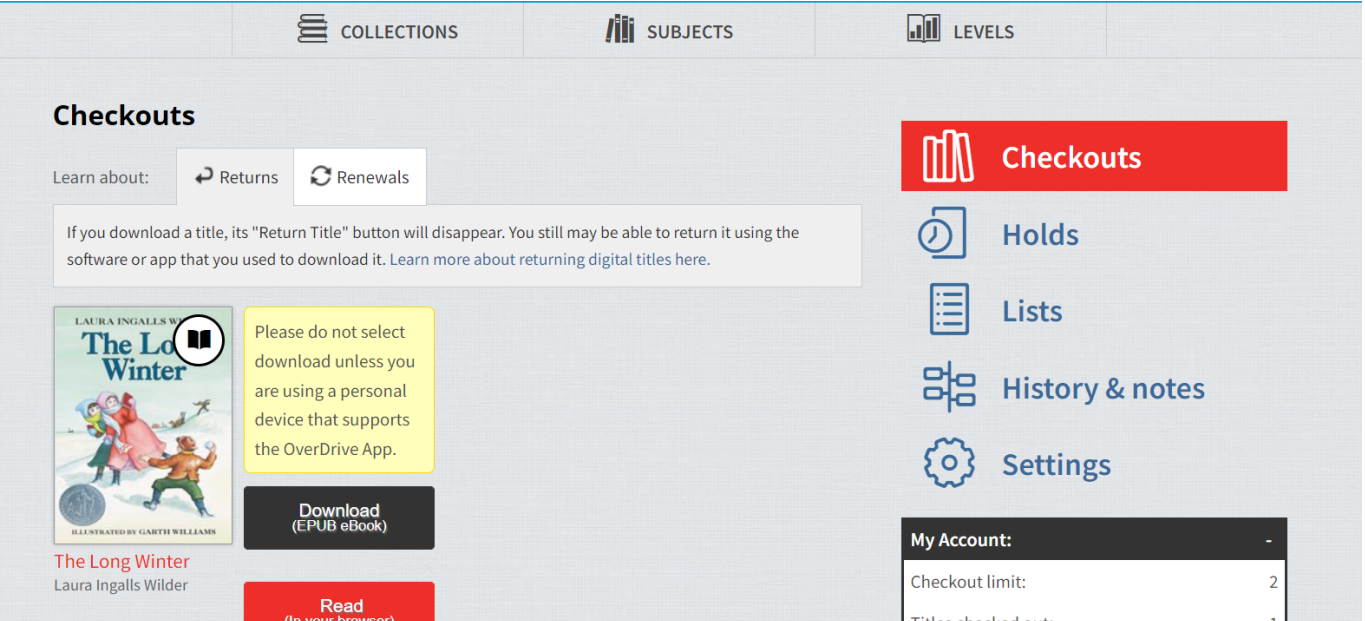
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To Access Overdrive from Home

If you prefer the actual database over the Sora app, you can access Overdrive, which is a database of free books.

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The screenshot shows the OverDrive web interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: COLLECTIONS, SUBJECTS, and LEVELS. The main heading is "Checkouts". Below it, there are links for "Learn about:", "Returns", and "Renewals". A message states: "If you download a title, its 'Return Title' button will disappear. You still may be able to return it using the software or app that you used to download it. [Learn more about returning digital titles here.](#)".

The featured book is "The Long Winter" by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams. The book cover shows a group of people in winter clothing. A yellow callout box says: "Please do not select download unless you are using a personal device that supports the OverDrive App." Below the book cover are two buttons: "Download (EPUB eBook)" and "Read (In your browser)".

On the right side, there is a sidebar with a red header "Checkouts" and several menu items: "Holds", "Lists", "History & notes", and "Settings". At the bottom right, there is a "My Account:" section with a table showing account details.

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