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## Yolo County Library Teams Up with Local School Districts to Enhance Reading and Literacy Through eBooks and eAudiobooks

(WOODLAND, CA) – Yolo County Library, Washington Unified School District in West Sacramento and the Winters Joint Unified School District have formed an innovative technology partnership to increase access to more eBooks and eAudiobooks for students. The unique collaboration strives to promote literacy and digital learning by combining school and library digital reading resources in one app.

"Through this partnership, students can read or listen and learn anytime, anywhere because they now have 24/7 access to digital and audio content on smart phones and other computing devices," said Mark Fink, Yolo County Librarian and Chief Archivist. "We are excited to provide free and safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students to use inside the classroom, at home or on the go."

Using the <u>Sora app</u>, students in Yolo County can borrow from their school's digital collection of classroom and pleasure reading materials AND from Yolo County Library's children's and young adult digital collections. Students can easily log into the Library's digital collection using the app and their student ID, rather than requiring a separate library card. Sora will automatically filter content to only include age-appropriate titles depending on each student's grade level.

Features available to students on the Sora app include:

- Borrowing and opening books with one screen tap
- Accessing assigned reading from the school
- Seeing notes and highlighted text and exporting them to PDF, CSV, Google Drive formats
- Tracking the number of books read
- tracking total reading time

In addition, Yolo County Library provides TumbleBook Library for all Yolo County public schools. In Tumblebook Library, kids can safely browse and read books by their favorite authors. All books are instantly available, with no need to place a hold or check out. Schools can provide Tumblebook Library on their own website.

Patrons of all ages can access Yolo County Library's wide selection of popular digital eBooks and eAudiobooks for free using the <u>Libby</u> app. Yolo County Library's robust collection offers eBooks

and eAudiobooks, including bestsellers and new releases. <u>Libby</u> can be used on any major device or computer, including Apple, Android, Chromebook, and "send to Kindle" (U.S. only).

The <u>Sora</u> app is available for Washington Unified School District and Winters Joint Unified School District students to download through the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and on Chromebooks that support the Google Play Store. It is also available for use in web browsers at <a href="https://soraapp.com">https://soraapp.com</a> on any computer.

For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit <a href="www.yolocountylibrary.org">www.yolocountylibrary.org</a> or connect with the Library on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org">www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org</a> and Instagram at <a href="@yolocountylibrary">@yolocountylibrary</a>.

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