

May Fun with Purchasing eBooks & Audiobooks for Schools: Keeping Students Engaged with Summer Reading

As the school year comes to a close, it's important to start thinking about ways to keep students engaged with reading over the summer months. One effective strategy is to use resources like Summer Bingo Cards and Reading Challenges to make reading fun and exciting.

If your school is part of the MISBO & Sora, by OverDrive shared digital consortium with access to a great collection of eBooks and audiobooks, you're already one step ahead! But if your school hasn't joined the consortium yet, now is a great time to consider doing so. By joining a consortium, your school can gain access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks, that can help reduce the summer reading slide that can occur when students are out of school. To sign-up or learn more, contact [Jody Brookshire](#), your Sora, by OverDrive Representative.

Here are some tips for keeping students engaged with reading over the summer months:

- Create a summer reading list: Work with teachers to create a summer reading list that includes a variety of genres and reading levels. This will help ensure that students can find books that interest them.
 - **Action Item:** If you need more copies of certain titles take advantage of different purchasing models like [On-Demand Class Sets](#) or [Cost Per Circulation](#).
- Use Summer Bingo Cards: Create Bingo cards that include reading-related activities, like "Read a book with a blue cover" or "Read a book outside." As students complete each activity, they can mark it off on their card. You can offer prizes for students who complete a row or the entire card.
 - **Action Item:** Create your own or use one of ours! Bingo Board, Sora Scavenger hunt and more - <https://static.od-cdn.com/Student-Activities-3-15-22.zip>
- Set up a Reading Challenge: Create a reading challenge that encourages students to read a certain number of books over the summer. You can set a goal for the entire school or for individual students. Offer incentives for students who meet or exceed the goal.
 - **Action Item:** Use the [Student Dashboard](#) in the OverDrive Marketplace to build reports & gauge student reading time.
- Host a Summer Reading Kickoff Event: Start the summer off right by hosting a kickoff event that includes book recommendations, snacks, and other fun activities. You can also use this event to distribute Summer Bingo Cards and Reading Challenge materials.



By taking these steps, you can help keep students engaged with reading over the summer months and reduce the summer reading slide. And if your school hasn't joined a consortium yet, consider doing so to gain access to a wider range of digital resources, including eBooks and audiobooks, that can help support summer reading initiatives.