

Welcome to Sora!

There's something for everyone at the Brooklyn Tech library on Sora!

And you can highlight and take notes, keep lists, and more!



Cookbooks, Self-Care & How-to Guides



Popular Fiction Ebooks & Audiobooks



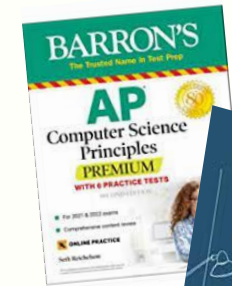
Manga & Graphic Novels



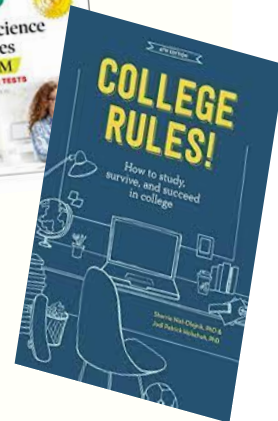
Magazines



Foreign Language Ebooks & Audiobooks



College & Test Prep



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LOG IN

1. On the device that you will use to read ebooks or listen to audiobooks **download the app or go to the website:**

- App: [Sora Overdrive](#)
- Website:

soraapp.com/library/nycschools

2. **For App: Click on I have a setup code** at bottom and **enter nycschools** (not case sensitive).

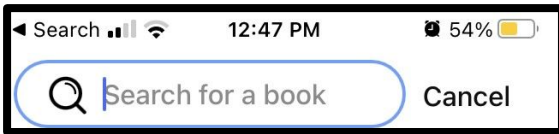
3. **Select green button and enter your DOE login/username.**

SEARCH FOR EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

1. From the Explore tab on the bottom...

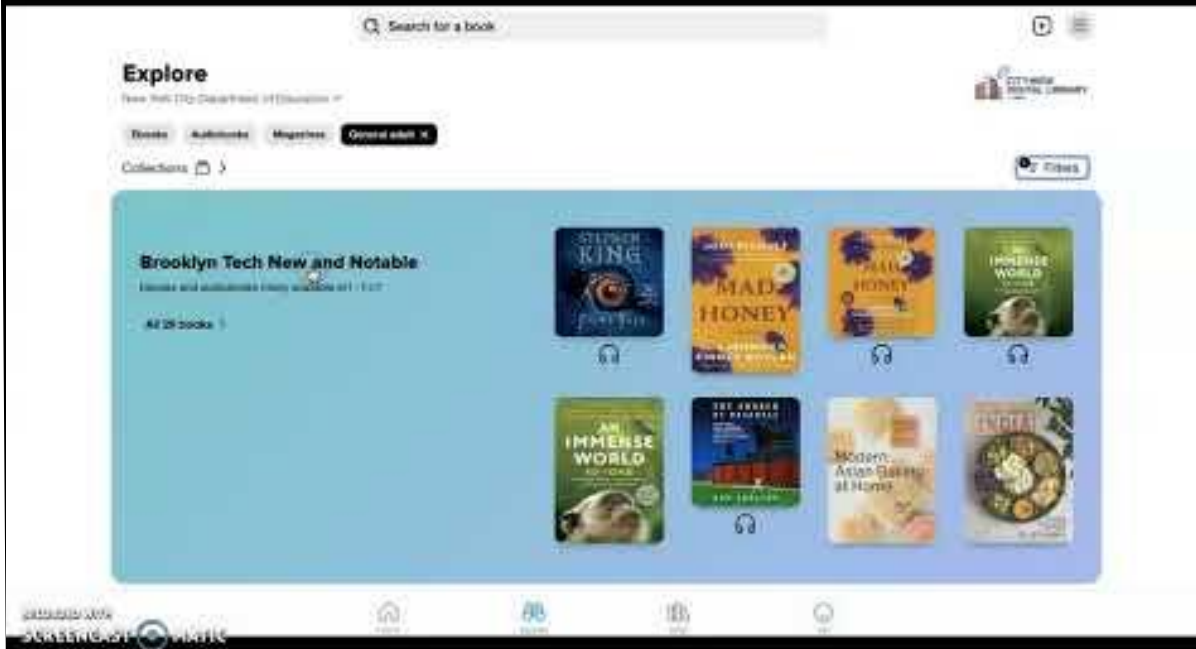


2. Click in the search bar up top



3. Use the Filters to **sort results** by popularity, title, author or release date (date available for purchase.)
 - Or change the **format** -eg. ebook, audiobook
 - Or **audience** (young adult or general adult)

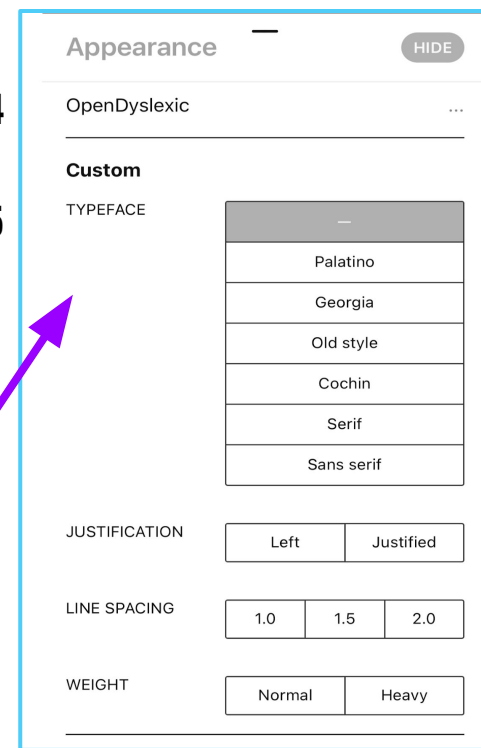
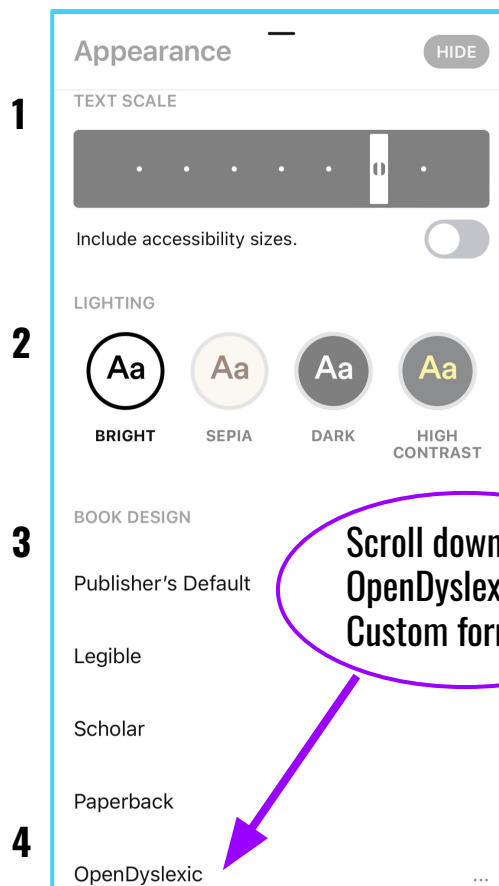
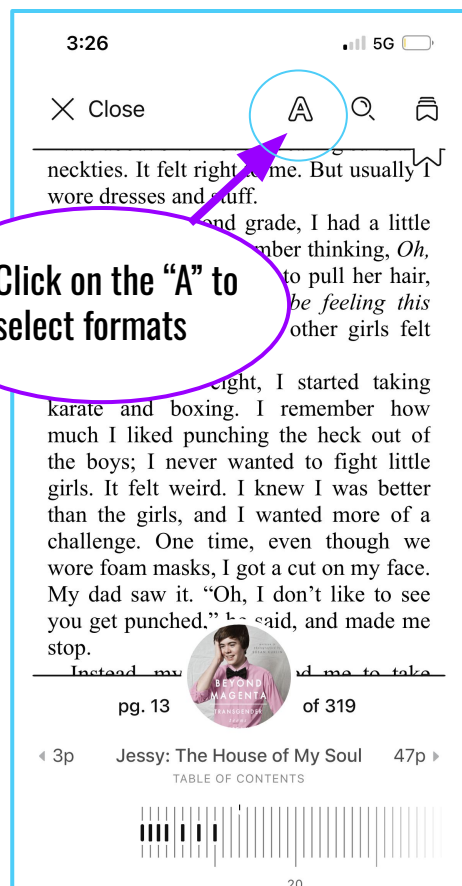
*these filters stay until reset (Clear all)



APPEARANCE SETTINGS

After borrowing and opening an ebook, you have the option to adjust:

- 1) text scale,
- 2) lighting/contrast,
- 3) design format as well as select
- 4) the font OpenDyslexic for greater readability and
- 5) other custom settings,.



HIGHLIGHT AND TAKE NOTES

1. While reading, hold down your cursor over a word until a highlight appears. Drag it to include the text you want.
2. A popup will appear allowing you to choose an action.



3. If you choose HIGHLIGHT, you will get another popup to select color and add a NOTE if you want.

VIEW AND EXPORT NOTES

1. For notes from all books (even expired or returned), **select home tab** and scroll down.



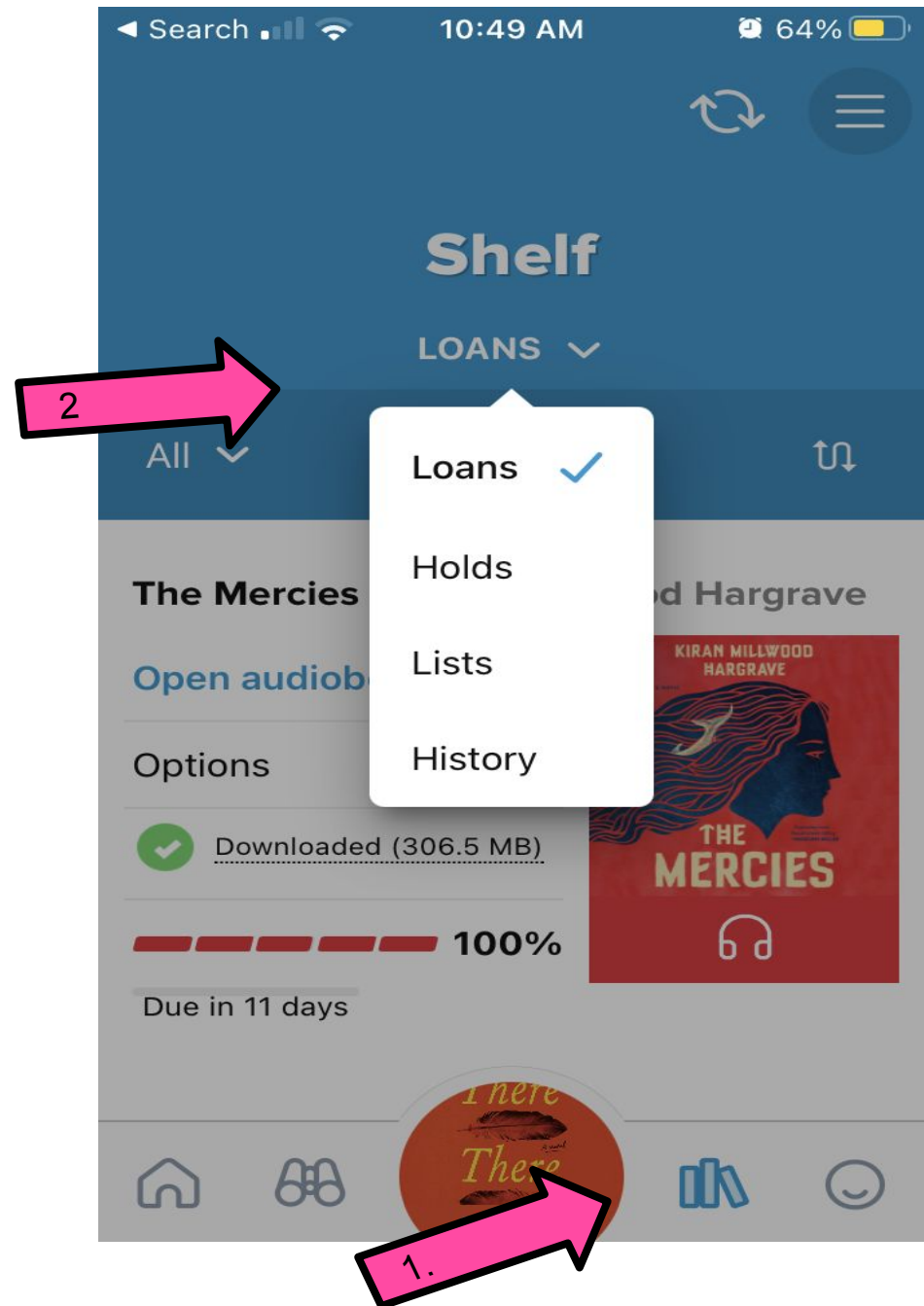
2. **Click on the book cover** to go to the highlights/notes from that book.
3. You can then export your highlights/notes with the export icon at top.



You can get pdf, text, and csv. Using a computer you can also upload to Google Docs or copy to clipboard.

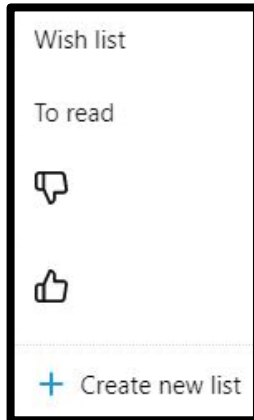
REVIEW HOLDS

1. Go to your shelf tab
2. Click on LOANS for other options



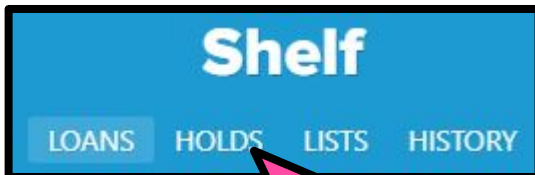
CREATE A LIST

1. To create a list, click on a book cover and select “add to list.”
2. You will see the following options appear
3. Select a list or click “+ create a new list”



VIEW YOUR LISTS

1. Go to the shelf tab and select “lists”



ADD A PUBLIC LIBRARY

11th grade and up can borrow adult books from the public libraries. All others will not even see the books! See slide 12

1. Click the 3 bars in upper right
2. **Select “Add a library”**
3. Type in your library (New York, Brooklyn, Queens)
And **select “This is my library”**

The first time you borrow an ebook/audiobook (or put one on hold), you will need to enter your library card number and pin number (see p. 10 here)

***Queens library does not require a library card- DOE login is fine!**

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: How long can I check out an ebook/audiobook?

A: It depends on the library! BTHS gives you 14 days, then you can renew unless someone else has it on hold.

Q: How will I be notified when my hold is ready?

A: You will not be notified until you login to Sora, unless your hold is through the public library and you have set up hold notifications with them. However, you can see an estimate of wait time next to your holds. If you are not ready for a hold, you can delay it by seven days.

Q: Can I download to my Kindle?

A: Yes, for most books (often graphic novels not allowed). Borrow the ebook and then click on cover. From there you can “Send to device”

Q: Can I use Sora with the public libraries?

A: The DOE does not give access to 9th and 10th graders access to adult books from a school app. We are advocating for this to change, but recommend you exercise your right to read with another app - SimplyE or Libby [\(see p. 13\)](#)

Q: What is classified as an adult book?

A: Unless specifically for teens, it would include most history, social commentary, cooking, science, test prep and more. Adult fiction books include those with adult characters or themes.

More questions? Ask us! library@bths.edu

Troubleshooting

All I see are picture books and chapter books.

Make sure your filter says young adult or general adult. You will have to toggle between them to see both.

I don't see "Brooklyn Tech New and Notable" on my Explore page.

You may need a Sora update to make sure you are showing our library and not your middle school's. Try logging out and logging back in again. [Video here](#): or click three bars in upper right, see logout at bottom of menu, then login again by clicking green button twice if you are logged into school account). Please email us if the problem persists: library@bths.edu

I can't export highlights and notes to a Google doc (directions on p.7)

Use Sora with a computer, click share button,  choose Google Drive, and use tab to select text option. [Video demo here.](#)

The app keeps quitting on me.

Delete it and reload.


I can't login anymore

Clear your cache and try again.

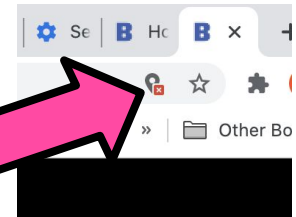
Email a librarian - library@bths.edu

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How do I get a public library card?

As a New Yorker, you can get an ecard for easily online! Go to libbyapp.com or get the [app](#), and then add a library (see logo at bottom of screen)  You can add public libraries for **Brooklyn, New York, or Queens, or all three!** Then you will be asked if you have a library card and pin number or if you need one.

For all libraries, you have to be in New York State to get an ecard and you must allow the library sites to see your location. If you on a computer and aren't asked to share your location, check for blocked pop ups - click red x, and adjust settings.



Email us or chat with the public libraries if you need help with this:

library@bths.edu

Tips: Don't use commas or dashes in your address. Try using a phone if you have trouble, sometimes that is easier!