# Parental Controls in Sora

Empowering families to participate in their child's literacy journey

Sora
Where students read

Sora's Parental Controls provide families and guardians visibility and management over their child's reading experience.

## What You Can Do with Parental Controls

- Browse the titles your student has access to in Sora, including content from their school library and any additional libraries they've added. You can also search for specific titles.
- See the books your student has borrowed or placed on hold. You can edit or remove individual items from the history. ***Note:*** When Sora is in Student Mode, students can also edit or remove individual items from the history.
- Lock a title to prevent your student from sampling, borrowing, or reading it.

## Getting Started

1. Have your student log into Sora.
2. Open the menu and select **Parental Controls** under "Support."
3. Turn on **Parental Controls**.
4. Create a 6-digit PIN. You'll use this PIN whenever you want to access Parent Mode.
5. Select **Enable**.

You'll be in Parent Mode right after you enable parental controls. Make sure to exit Parent Mode before returning Sora to your student. To return to Parent Mode later, go to the menu > Parental Controls and enter your PIN.

## Locking Titles

To lock a book, go to the title details page and select **Lock**. To unlock a book, go to the title details page and select **Unlock**.

***Notes:***

- Students will still see a locked book when browsing, and can see a locked book's details page, but won't be able to borrow it or place a hold. If the student already has a hold on the book, they won't be able to borrow it when it's available.
- Locking a book only locks that format and edition. For example, if a book is available as both an ebook and audiobook, you'll need to lock both. If you lock a book and another edition is added, you'll need to return to Parent Mode to lock the new edition.
- If you lock a magazine, all issues of that magazine will be locked.

## Disabling Parental Controls

To disable parental controls:

1. In Sora, select **Parental Controls** (under "Support" in the app menu).
2. Enter your PIN, then select **Enter Parent Mode**.
3. Turn off **Parental Controls**.

When parental controls are disabled:

- The PIN to enter Parent Mode is reset.
- Any locked books are unlocked and available to your student.

If you misplace your PIN, contact your student's school to request a reset.



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