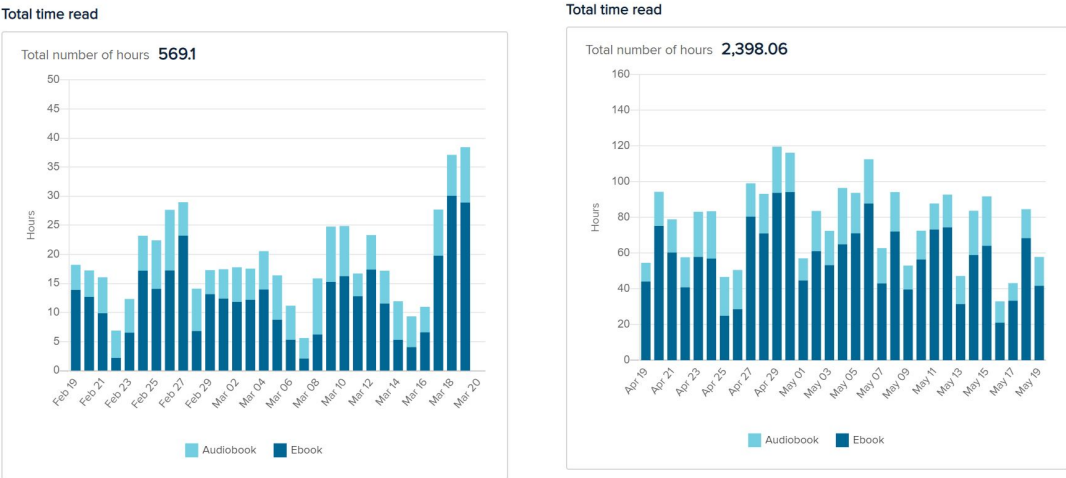


Memorandum

To: The Board of Trustees
From: Katie Graupman, Curriculum Director
Date: May 19, 2020
Re: SORA Usage

A major concern during remote learning has been providing students access to reading. Coeur d’Alene Public Schools has been working on two fronts to address this issue: the first is through free books distributed to students alongside free lunches at meal sites, and the second is through increasing the number of titles and copies of books in SORA, which is Coeur d’Alene Public Schools’ online library. Reading through SORA has increased significantly during the soft closure.

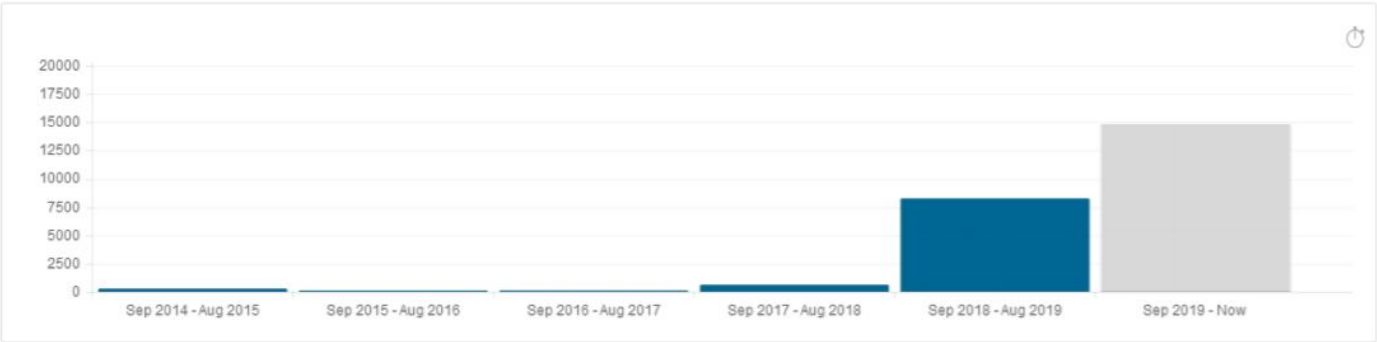
In a 30 day period from February to March 2020, which included the first few days of the soft closure, the total number of hours read was 569 hours. That amount more than quadrupled to 2,398 hours in a 30 day period from April 19 to May 19, 2020 (notice the values on the y axis are different).



The number of checkouts is much higher than any previous year, and there are still three fewer months (June, July and August), unaccounted for in this year’s usage statistics:

Year over year

Checkouts: Year over year



Additionally, the number of unique users climbed in April and will likely continue climbing once May’s statistics are included. We are hopeful students will continue using this resource through summer.

We are grateful for the School Board’s investment in SORA as it has become a valuable tool to provide quality reading opportunities to students during the soft closure.

