Good news! The Learning Center for the Deaf is now participating in the Massachusetts Library System’s Commonwealth eBook Collection.

By becoming a member, TLC joins over 250 schools and districts in having access to the Overdrive K-12 Shared Sora Collection. This is a collection of over 20,000 eBooks and audiobooks across all grade and interest levels, and is only shared among participating schools.

This collection is managed by the Massachusetts Library System, not Celeste Gauthier, the Learning Center's librarian.

Overdrive is a global company that distributes eBooks and audiobooks to libraries and schools. Sora is the name of the reading App that allows readers to browse and borrow books. Students can use the Sora browser by going to https://soraapp.com/library/masslibma or by downloading the app onto a mobile device. Our setup code is masslibma.

Once in Sora, users need their TLC Google ID and password to sign in.

The titles in the collection are filtered by grade level:

- Students in grades 6 - 8 will have access to the Juvenile AND the Young Adult Collections.
- Students in grade 9 and up will have access to the Juvenile, Young Adult, and Adult collections.

You will see that in the Sora App, you can “Add a Library.” This means that if your hometown public library has Overdrive eBooks and audiobooks, you can access them through Sora. **You must have a valid library card from that public library to borrow items.**

Borrowing from this collection is similar to borrowing eBooks from a public library. Only a very limited number of books are allowed to be borrowed by more than one person at a time. For most popular titles, there can be a long waiting list - sometimes months. You can put books on hold. Digital books are automatically returned on their due date. You don’t have to worry about returning them late.

We hope you take advantage of and enjoy this new resource!