

What is the NOVELNY Pilot Project?

NOVELNY is an electronic resource access project that enables libraries across New York State to give their communities online access to the full text of thousands of journals, newspapers and other references.

Currently, the NOVELNY Pilot Project provides online access to several databases. These include:

CENGAGE-GALE

Health and Wellness Resource Center – available since January 2005, this is an upgrade from the previous Health Reference Center-Academic. A source for both medical care professionals and consumers concerning important current health information, Health and Wellness Resource Center contains over 800 full-text titles.

Business & Company Resources Center – available since May 2002. This comprehensive database brings together a wide variety of global business information including company profiles, as well as business magazines and newspapers. It contains full text from over 3000 periodical titles.

InfoTrac Custom Newspapers – available since July 2003, offers over 150 full-text newspapers that include several New York State newspapers including the New York Times from 1995 to the present.

National Newspaper Index – available since July 2003, provides article citations from 1977 to present for the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post.

Twayne's Author Series – available since April 1, 2003, features the content of over 600 books that comprise three print series – United States Authors, English Authors and World Authors. This series is devoted to literary critical interpretation and discussion for readers ranging from high school students through college and above.

EBSCO

Primary Search – a collection of reference materials geared toward elementary and middle school age users. It contains 68 full-text titles. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). The *Searchasaurus* interface to *Primary Search* is an animated interface with a dinosaur theme that encourages students to develop basic search methodologies.

Primary Search also includes:

- More than 50 full text student reference books including *Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia* and *American Heritage® Children's Dictionary*, 3rd

Edition from Houghton Mifflin

- Full text of over 100 student pamphlets
- *Encyclopedia of Animals*
- Image Collection: 107,135 photos, maps and flags

GROLIER

Encyclopedia Americana Encyclopedia * – articles include links to further readings, a bibliography, selected full text articles, web page links, and links to related Encyclopedia Americana articles.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia * – includes encyclopedia articles, news, timelines, quizzes and games, and research starters. It also includes an atlas and dictionary. Articles can be grouped by lexile level and are aligned to standards.

The New Book of Knowledge * – for middle grade students and includes literary selections, a timeline, projects and experiments, news, homework help and more.

PROQUEST

ProQuest Platinum * – Periodicals covering a broad range of material: business, education, general reference, health, language arts, sciences, social sciences, and many other curriculum-specific subject areas. Browseable subjects include arts and humanities; computers and Internet; education; environment; health; lifestyles and culture; politics and government; science and mathematics; social issues and policy; and sports and entertainment.

Who is eligible to participate in the NOVELNY Pilot Project, and what benefits do they receive?

Participation is available to all member libraries of library systems in New York State, and Charter Schools to the extent permitted by negotiations and contractual limitations. Every \$1 the State invests results in \$35 worth of access at the local level. NOVELNY may be accessed from any eligible library in the State. Libraries may also choose to offer library users remote access to NOVELNY from their homes, schools or workplaces 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Every New Yorker can search NOVELNY from www.novelnewyork.org using their NYS driver license or non-driver ID.

How can my library register to use NOVELNY databases?

To participate, libraries need to complete the online registration form. Online registration forms are located in the Librarians section of the NOVELNY web site: <www.novelnewyork.org>. Since January 1999, more than 5,000 libraries and library systems have registered.

Is training offered for the databases available through the NOVELNY Pilot Project? If so, is there a fee?

Regional "train the trainer" sessions are offered for each database. There is no fee for training. Training is highly recommended for staff in libraries where NOVELNY databases are offered.

How is the NOVELNY Pilot Project funded?

The NOVELNY Pilot Project is currently supported with temporary federal funds through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Because federal funding may not be available to continue funding the online databases offered through the Project, funding is proposed as part of New York Library Initiative.

Provided by the New York State Library, NOVELNY is an online virtual library connecting New Yorkers to 21st century information via local libraries statewide. The New York Library Initiative is an important statewide funding initiative currently before the Legislature that proposes permanent state funding for NOVELNY.

What other services are provided to participants in NOVELNY?

The New York State Library hosts the NOVEL-DB e-mail list to post announcements concerning database problems, contract dates, database training sessions, and other information useful to NOVELNY database subscribers. See our web site <www.novelnewyork.org> or send e-mail to <novel-db-request@listserv.nysed.gov> for further information.

A Help Desk, also provided by the New York State Library, is staffed from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, to respond to questions and concerns about the

databases offered through NOVELNY Databases. Additional information may be found at the NOVELNY web page <www.novelnewyork.org> or via the Help Desk toll-free number (877) 277-0250 (or 486-6012 from the Capital District).

A marketing toolkit is available at <www.novelnewyork.org> to help librarians and library supporters publicize, explain, and demonstrate the features of NOVELNY and the NOVELNY databases. The kit includes materials for downloading and printing, and other helpful components that are appropriate for a variety of audiences. Visit the NOVEL Invitational Grant website <www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel/invgrant> for additional training and promotion tips.

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