

Comments from the 2012 NOVELNY Database Survey

Current Databases/Vendors

A general periodical database is important but the current Gale products are very inferior to EBSCO's.

Custom Newspapers and Academic OneFile are an integral and necessary part of our curriculum-we are unable to afford these products but they are highly used.

Do not find Academic OneFile and General OneFile as effective and successful to search as MasterFile Premiere.

Gale databases have been very disappointing - EBSCO suite from a few years ago was far superior. Our most popular databases are not even on this list - Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Mango Languages, Testing and Education Reference Center. It would be much more helpful to have access to those.

Gale health is a little over their heads. The other one we used was better.

I did not give high rank to the health database you currently provide because it is not for the layperson.

It was difficult to pull out / choose just a few of the Gale databases, as 90% of what NOVELNY offers through this vendor, I consider essential. It boosts the number of resources we can provide to support the wide array of programs we offer. While the switch from EBSCO to ProQuest took some getting used to, I / we have been so very satisfied with the PQ family of databases we now have access to.

Please bring back a complete periodical database.

Please do not get rid of Grolier! Our students love to use this product and a switch in this will discourage database usage in general. They will Google before they learn a new database, especially at the lower levels of elementary school. Learning a new database is a process that has to be taught and drilled. Even when an interface changes it's a learning curve. Please let us have some educational stability with this product!

Please find a way to keep JobNow. It's finally catching on. It would be a shame to lose the Resume Lab function, which is not available free anywhere else online or in person.

The children's databases from NOVELNY are our primary source of online reference material in school. This is of vital importance to us!

The database: InfoTrac NewsStand, available through NOVELNY has been very valuable, but your survey did not include it.

The Gale products currently provided through NOVELNY are a vital part of our collection.

These databases are absolutely essential resources for my students.

These databases are crucial to keeping the citizens of New York well-informed and very important to schools as our children learn to use them for life-long learning.

These databases do so much for our students. Please keep all of the resources that you currently have to support our students in their learning and our staff in their curriculum!

We depend upon NOVELNY databases - our budget could not provide for all that we need!

We listed Gale Academic OneFile as unimportant because we have our own separate subscription, as the access ports/speed, etc., were not sufficient for us to use the NOVELNY sub. Otherwise it is a very important database.

We use the Grolier product extensively in our district K-12 and the EBSCO Searchasaurus for all levels. The Gale Academic OneFile is incredible. These products have greatly helped us to target our very limited budgets to obtain other databases to help enhance common core. Loss of these products would be destructive to our students learning. I would be happy to supply examples of their use in our district.

We very much appreciate the Gale databases being available via NOVELNY. We would not be able to afford to purchase them if we could not get them through the consortium. Thank you very much for offering these databases to us.

We weren't asked about the JobNow product which to me is the most important resource you offer right now. Please do not drop that one!!

Databases/Features Requested

Also, it would be great if these databases and eBooks were viewable on tablets and iPads.

We want Consumer Reports!

Many patrons would like to see Consumer Reports CURRENT issues. Often when they need the information from that periodical, it is currently checked out. Difficult to put a hold on another library's issue as since the EG 2.2 upgrade, copy holds are not an option.

Consumer Reports. Novelist. Mango Languages. Auto Repair Reference Center.

Our most popular database is Mango Languages. I don't know if that is a possibility?

Will the NOVELNY ever consider including any language learning databases such as Mango, BYKI/Transparent Language or Tell Me More?

While I understand that you are restricted by NYS in terms of from whom you may purchase, I find it unfortunate that the databases that public libraries know patrons will really use are not available. Mango Languages is one of those databases.

A BrainPop subscription would be used by everyone extensively.

A Science Database would be great.

We need more peer reviewed research databases for Science and Historical Information

Please consider a genealogy offering. This is the most used offering at our central library and is not available from home to all patrons in our system.

Above all I would like to see Facts on File's Health database added. It is far superior to anything we currently have as far as health info written for the average person.

Please consider the needs of Medical and Special Libraries. We use NOVELNY but don't see a lot of databases that fit our needs. My users complain that there is not enough health/medical databases /full-

text at NOVELNY. They are looking for more "professional" information. Consumer health is ok but we would like to see more "advanced offerings" for professionals offered. I would like to see resources offered that compliment what I can offer here. They are users who I believe are being ignored as a group. There are high numbers of health providers who don't have any access to a health library and could use NOVELNY as a solid resource.

With high quality FREE medical databases, such as MEDLINEPLUS available for no fee, there is no need to use taxpayers' money to subscribe to health databases - please rethink how you spend funds and look for FREE alternatives to suggest to patrons/library staff when available. Thank you.

Would like to see Health and Wellness Resource Center replace the Health Reference Center (Academic). The Reference center articles are harder for the general population to understand. We really miss the prescription reference source.

Add AP Images.

Look for some media review sources.

Include more video clips in all research databases. Make sure interface is user friendly. Provide information with various reading levels for secondary students.

EBook collections are a smart investment on the part of the State Library and are less expensive in the long run as they are outright purchases not subscriptions. After the initial outlay, the only other expense is a maintenance fee which is far less than a subscription renewal. If a container were developed for these resources via open source software; the State Library may be able to bypass the maintenance fee as well. Bring Harry Chan in to develop this and save money on the maintenance fees paid out to vendors to host their product.

The limited data I have suggests very limited use by our customers for subscription databases. EBook use is significant and growing while local and regional resources to purchase these is very limited. Consider Gale Testing and Ed Resource Ctr. and Ancestry.com

EBSCO's periodical database was the best of the three vendors I have experienced. The others are ProQuest and Gale. More of our patrons used this source due to the more complete coverage and ease of use. Due to many of the publishers limiting or withdrawing their publications, all the databases are becoming more limited in their coverage.

We really miss EBSCO - and have found that Gale does not compete nor did ProQuest. There are titles and texts that we cannot find in the Gale/ProQuest resources that we were able to access in EBSCO when we had that.

General Periodicals very important.

We need a great periodical database for middle - high students and one for elementary - I prefer the EBSCO products myself. We need a suite like Grolier that covers general reference with a core area component, like America the Beautiful, Lands and Peoples, and add back New Book of Popular Science. We need core area (Social Studies, ELA, Science, Health) databases - I would like to see some Gale products. We need or will need, depending on our district's adoption/adaptation of the Core Curriculum access to trade books in eBook format - this is potentially huge!!! Thanks Santa!!! If only it were that simple!!!

General periodicals, newspapers and reference sources will have limited usefulness in the future with the exception of those products that have unique localized content, i.e. New York State newspapers. The public is now turning to Wikipedia, if we can offer solid content like Britannica online as an alternative that can work well with the bibliography provided there with our print resources. Databases with solid

backfiles of periodical articles will also be valuable. In an earlier comment I suggested a move to NOVELNY helping local libraries with digitization of unique microfilm of local newspapers. We have done some grassroots work on this, but I see not many other local libraries have followed suit.

If possible, please consider the inclusion of the Gale Biography in Context or EBSCO Biography Reference database since biography research takes place yearly. Finally, World Book Inc. is needful to Special Education, English Language Learners, and struggling readers, whereas Grolier is for the advanced readers.

It would be helpful to have subscriptions to JSTOR, Opposing Viewpoints, SIRS Researcher, and any other database that is appropriate for high school research with college level articles and sources.

Please provide more Gale databases such as Student Resources in Context; Biography in Context; Science Resources in Context and Opposing Viewpoints.

Please consider adding Opposing Viewpoints!

Opposing Viewpoints and a better magazine index. We use the NOVELNY databases all the time. They are a great way to spend our tax dollars.

Every librarian I know wants NOVELNY to include Opposing Viewpoints!!!

Gale's Opposing Viewpoints in being used primarily for Common Core assignments. By offering this product to all schools, there would be no excuse due to costs for not being able to support the common core standards.

It would be of great importance if the Opposing Viewpoints in Context would be added. Our students are required to write persuasive essays and this source is invaluable. I have the book version of the Opposing Viewpoint series, however having the online version would enhance their research so much more and would eliminate their tendency to "Google" everything!

Opposing Viewpoints would be a welcome addition to NOVELNY.

We would really love to have Opposing Viewpoints. It's so valuable to our students. Also, Science Online.

Would like to see opposing viewpoints as this is very relevant to curriculum.

The dream of many teachers is to get Opposing Viewpoints database.

Opposing Viewpoints -- a must have.

Gale's Opposing Viewpoints database is the most helpful database for high school!!!!

Why didn't you include other possible vendors/publishers from the K-12 segment in question 9? Rosen Publishing, for example, has a couple of amazing products and they are on state contract as well.

Public Libraries need access to the Time, Inc. content available in EBSCO's databases - Gale is lacking these vital resources. EBSCO also has access to Consumer Reports, which is probably the most asked-for periodical in public libraries. Our libraries have had to expend precious budget dollars to buy access to these resources since EBSCO was dropped from the NOVELNY program.

Grolier products are inexpensive enough that schools are already purchasing them. NOVELNY should focus on the more expensive ones.

It is imperative that we retain a general encyclopedia like Grolier or World Book for the K-12 market, especially when state aid for the rural schools is diminishing.

The World Book Online products are superior to Grolier and the ProQuest periodicals database which was replaced by Gale General/Academic OneFile years ago is more user friendly.

We need a general encyclopedia for students. World Book has done a great job aligning with the Common Core. An online biography database would be greatly appreciated.

When considering an encyclopedia make certain it is the one used by the majority.....Grolier or World Book, Britannica is not the favorite of students or school librarians

I would much prefer to have World Book over Grolier - I strongly dislike the Grolier products. They are extremely confusing for young students to use.

I added a few that are not your usual vendors, but which would be helpful to our students.

Lower elementary resources, like BookFlix or TrueFlix, would be great too.

I really want PebbleGo for my Kindergarten through 3rd grades. It is the best for them and there is nothing that compares.

Is it possible for NOVELNY to get the license for PebbleGo? This is very young learner friendly. Thank you for providing Grolier Online this is an excellent database!! Please continue funding Grolier.

PebbleGo Online Database is fantastic for elementary students. This was not an option listed in your survey but I wanted to mention it. We also like SIRS Discoverer database at the elementary level, especially for the magazine articles and images available.

Other Databases I would love to see included are: Scholastic's Bookflix, HistoryFlix, and Capstone's PebbleGo Databases for our youngest and lowest readers

Other great databases that we use all the time but have to purchase outside of BOCES include: Brainpop and Brainpop Jr. PebbleGo Country Reports.

Would like to see Learning Express added. Full-text periodicals are crucial for students looking for articles on current event topics. Job hunting resources are always in demand

We really need access to law databases. It would also be helpful to have Weiss ratings, or something like it. The resources for children that we currently have are valuable. And we use the databases for academic and popular journal/magazine articles a lot, esp. Consumer Reports. We also get a lot of health related questions. Newspapers and current events, not so much -- only the kids need that really. And literature, we use Novelist all the time, for reader's advisory, but none of the other databases.

Students NEED general info databases that have accurate, reliable information. General OneFile and Academic OneFile are fine. But ProQuest was good too (the version we had 2 years ago). We also really need Twayne's or another literature-based database as students in each grade level are required to critically analyze works of literature. In addition, it would be great to have access to JSTOR for our upper level students.

Students need reliable, accurate reference materials.

I would like to see some high quality databases. I have a very small population and can't afford an EBSCO database. I feel my students get short-changed.

Our library desperately needs a comprehensive research database that includes full-text articles rather than abstracts or citations.

We appreciate the databases NOVELNY currently offers, and would like as much continuity as possible, especially with Gale products.

I'm concerned about access to the Stat Ab.

In the list of recommended databases for the state to purchase (no.10 above?), I have only indicated databases that are popular at my public library that are not provided by the central library. Other popular databases that the county provides are LearningExpress Library and ReferenceUSA. I would highly recommend Culturegrams over Lands and People. The content is good and it is much easier to use than Lands and People.

Preferred Subject Categories

Text of Periodicals and Journals, on many subjects. Genealogy and Test preparation would be 4th and 5th choices.

Controversial topics

Social science

Biographies

Opposing views/ current events from magazines

Children's databases – Grolier

My patrons are PK-Grade 2 students. Many of these resources, while terrific, were never intended for this patron base.

Biographies

Students need to do research for exit projects in science and social studies.

Foreign Language Learning (Mango), Directories (AtoZ)

Being in a High School setting, this is very hard to narrow down because I can't speak for what a student is going to be researching. The topic could be anything and I would not like it if I couldn't supply the references needed.

History

We are a correctional facility library. Only I use the service, and not often.

This is a pre-K through 5 school. Subjects of interest to this age group have the highest demand.

Current periodicals

Content specifically for elementary age children

Literature -i.e. books in a series, what to read next, similar authors etc...poetry and famous quotes

Elementary databases

Primary/Elementary level resources. My elementary students are unable to use the vast majority of NOVELNY databases.

My students are K-4 and they struggle to use even the resources meant for them. I would be willing to see Grolier substituted with something more intuitive to search and navigate.

Psychology

Animals

I want to explain that the NOVELNY databases I use often are those that I believe to use before the obtain a teaching degree.

Crafts and entertainment

Children's reference

Animals, biographies, social studies

Controversial Issues such as abortion, capital punishment, violence in the media, animal rights, etc.

An encyclopedia for all K-12 grade levels

I am not currently working in a library setting. This answer is based on previous experience.

Authors

Law

Opposing Viewpoints

Social issues

Opposing Viewpoints

Kid friendly reference

Opposing Viewpoints

Academic and scholarly resources in all subject areas - history/social studies especially.

Opposing Viewpoints

Controversial Issues

Social Sciences, Education.

I would LOVE it if you would include Gale's Opposing Viewpoints. I know many of my colleagues in the NYC school system would also appreciate it.

My students are in kindergarten, first and second grade! They are most interested in: animals and sports and have very limited reading ability.

Biographies Social Studies - Country Info

Children's Reference

Education

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Education

My students use all the databases. Nothing should be eliminated.

It would be impossible to select this, because my students' research assignments vary greatly. They do not use these resources often for genealogy or religious use.

Sociology

Education

Current issues, such as the issues found in Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Children's periodicals/Children's reference

Consumer and DIY information

Teacher Education needs

Articles from academic journals

Issues--Pro/Con

Consumer information

Social science, including media studies, gender studies, and culture studies.

BIOGRAPHY our students do reports about famous people all the time. They especially enjoy current subjects. The periodicals are fine but a biography database would be so wonderful!!

Consumer reports - full text

K-12 resources

Social Issues

Psychology

Animals at low level

Board preparation which is different than test preparation for children (physicians, nurses, pharmacy, PA, NP, allied health, etc.)

Education

Controversial issues

Probably tie between animals and countries.

General interest for elementary. We currently subscribe to the Capstone PebbleGo suite of databases, since they are truly designed for the reading levels of our students. (Even Searchasaurus tends to be too high-level for our students).

Animals

Children's materials for cultural information- Lands and People, atlas information.

Children's school support

Animal information for reports, Native American information

Preferred Formats

Music - Freegal

Genealogy

Peer reviewed journals

World Book

I find this to be a really dated and meaningless question.

Opposing view points

Biography Resource Center-we miss it

Ancestry.com

Audiobooks

Journals

Again, it's hard to pinpoint what they may need at any given time or in any situation.

Downloadable audiobook

Religious periodicals

We are a correctional facility library. Only I use the service, and not often.

Genealogy sites

Journal

Language learning

Genealogy

Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale Cengage)

History Databases such as ABC-CLIO and Controversial Issues Databases such as Opposing Viewpoints.

Hardbound and paperback books

Does a children's encyclopedia include k-12....that is the range needed for the school population; what eBooks? Reference or recreational reading or both?

Opposing viewpoints

Reference book articles (not general encyclopedias)

I am not currently working in a library setting.

eAudiobooks

Academic journals

Academic journals

Comprehensive databases that include a variety of resource types on an array of academic subjects.

Since I am a K-12 librarian, I would also like to have the opportunity to include Encyclopedia - General and Encyclopedia - Children's.

Collections of Information on Controversial Issues in various formats (academic journals, newspapers, magazines, critical works).

Nonfiction books

I prefer Britannica to Grolier.

Investment resource like ValueLine

Handbooks and Drug Guides

Academic journals

People don't really understand the differences between the various formats.

They use them all.

Audio books

Company reports

Job sources, email

Music scores

Our in-house digitized local history images and newspapers have very high statistics, even more than the licensed databases. Help for libraries who want to digitize localized content and make it freely available could be an important new direction for NOVELNY.

Scholarly peer-reviewed journals

Scholarly articles

Print book

Scholarly journal articles

Scholarly Journals

Online language learning (Mango)

EJournal

Job Information

Historical periodicals and primary sources

My three would be ebook, ebook, ebook.

Academic journals

Scholarly Journals

Grolier's various databases

Format not so important... our most popular databases serve a specific need; e.g. Opposing Viewpoints (debate/speech research) and Biography in Context (our tenth grade classes do a biographical research paper, and other classes use it for research). Aside from the fact that they are both very well designed, I think they appeal because of their very clear scope and curricular application.

Financial reports/company profiles AND evidence-based medicine (2 and 3) -- your survey forces me to check another box -- please disregard the click for ebooks.

Utilitarian resources such as Ancestry, Auto Repair, Language Learning

Mixed content: periodicals, EBooks, video, speeches, primary source – Sources like Opposing Viewpoints and SIRS Researcher -- a better magazine service than General OneFile would be appreciated.

NBC Learn

Age appropriate databases, or websites on various topics to support grade level curriculum.

Full-text articles

Subject encyclopedias

Unfortunately, what I hear most from patrons is what they'd like to see, and what they rally use, rather than what's there that they don't use much. My patron's favorite online resource format is Google

General Comments

A phenomenal service provided to the students of New York State!

As our budgets evaporate and more and more teachers struggle to meet the demands of the common core requirement, we turn even more frequently to online resources. It would be devastating to many library programs to loose ANY of our resources, especially at a time when we are expected to teach students how to find and utilize these resources (to producing college and career ready students!). It is our most sincere hope that you will continue to provide these important resources that schools count on for student (and staff) use and instruction. Please continue to fund and provide access to the important information literacy tools.

Continuity is important.

Currently, our budget limits us to using what is available through NOVELNY. The demand for electronic resources is increasing while budgets decline or remain static. Yearly subscription costs are prohibitive for most school districts without the help of NOVELNY and our local BOCES CoSer agreement. Even with this help, we find it challenging to meet the need as database pricing increases while budget remain the same.

Databases are critical to the availability of authoritative resources. Through effective library instructions our students learn 21st century skills aligned with Common Core Standards for life long learning. It is vital that our school and communities have such resources available. They model good research and will foster learning and literacy for ALL. Thank you for providing them to ALL.

Most important to glean accurate use statistics from vendors before decisions are made.

Our system has the county wide use statistics. Decisions should be based on actual usage of the databases.

NOVELNY is a great source and tool when conducting reference interview and providing information.

NOVELNY is critically important for all residents of NY.

Please maintain all databases for the people of New York.

Please keep our databases. They are a vital part of student learning and research for the 21st century skills.

NOVELNY is crucial in my teaching and preparing students to work in libraries and information agencies throughout the state so they can serve New Yorkers at the highest levels. The university library connects to NOVELNY to some of its pathfinders for information that patrons seek but does not meet the need of the university community to the level of paying for a separate subscription. Without NOVELNY I could not educate students at all for the small public library, community college library, and the school library media center.

NOVELNY resources are invaluable for our struggling district. We cannot afford any subscription databases. Please protect our students' access to quality digital information sources! Thank you!

We find databases underutilized but extremely important for those who need them

We have a relatively low demand for non-fiction resources of any kind, but we do occasionally use a few of the NOVELNY services

Resources provide by NOVELNY are very valuable to a small school like mine.

We do not have a traditional physical library, our library is virtual. NOVELNY supplements our collection nicely.

Databases are extremely important for students to have access to and for educational purposes. Please do everything you can to ensure their continued use in school libraries.

Don't change the databases too often. It makes it hard for the public to stay aware of what is available.

Please keep the content as stable as possible. It is difficult for library patrons to adjust to changes in NOVELNY selections from year to year. I think that what we offer now is a good selection. I would definitely get rid of Twayne's Authors' series.

Having access to these databases is very valuable to those of us with declining budgets.

With shrinking school budgets, the NOVELNY databases are even more important for us in providing a variety of resources for students. With Common Core standards, these databases provide a range of reading for teachers to use with students in their classes.

I am very grateful for the resources offered since budgets are cut every year.

We are so grateful for the NOVELNY Databases. They are used daily to meet the information needs of our patrons. The NOVELNY databases allow us to stretch our budget so that we can provide an amazing set of resources for our patrons. New York should be proud of the opportunities they provide the people of the state through the NOVELNY databases. Some of my answers may seem contrary, but they were given with a lot of thought mostly concerning if NOVELNY had to cut something what would be most affordable for us to replace because the NOVELNY databases are essential to us.

We are very dependent on the NOVELNY databases to teach database skills because of the huge cuts to education and the impact of Hurricane Irene on the local tax base. Please keep our databases.

Many public schools and public libraries have very little funding and may soon have less. Any databases NOVELNY can provide are greatly needed and appreciated. Those that can cover several needs and a variety of users seem the best to me. Thanks

Since we are a small school district, our online resources are few. The material provided through NOVELNY is very valuable for our students.

The resources you provide are invaluable for schools trying to extend our budgets!! Thank you.

Thank you for what you currently provide for us. As a very small, rural and in-need district everything we can get at no cost is well used and appreciated, yet as I endeavor to provide current services and resources to my students, the need for digital resources is paramount in preparing them to be college and work ready. I am currently using my periodicals dollars to purchase supplemental databases but most are cost-prohibitive for small school districts.

I am new to this school this year so I am not familiar with the overall need and demand.

In order to meet and exceed Common Core Standards and prepare students for college and career, the school needs access to these databases. Our budget is too small to purchase them at the "building level".

Re-evaluation should be an ongoing process. We continually adapt our additional database purchases based on new standards, common core, curriculum mapping, and student levels, which fluctuate year by year, so I think this survey should be done if not each year, every other year.

Some of the questions answered were due, of course, to patron demographics. Others were made based on other consortial arrangements (i.e. databases/resources held outside of NOVELNY) in effect at this time.

Since there are so many databases in NOVELNY due to the large audience, it would be helpful to have the option of eliminating various databases that high school students do not use. I think that the large amount of databases seems a little daunting to the students (especially Special Ed students and 9th graders).

In our town of 3500, there is almost NO use of online databases of any kind by our patrons. They use our public computers to check their email and search the web for specific information.

I think NOVELNY waste of money w/o more publicity to the public. You need to invest in advertising. School and public libraries need to partner to educate students about use. NOVELNY is critical for small libraries, and we do not have resources to publicize or educate well.

I promote NOVELNY to non-librarians. Most are unaware of NOVELNY but are happy to use the databases after learning about the content.

The databases are helpful for our clientele, but the focus should be on the greater good--which as I see it is to support public school student research needs and those of the general public. Academics have specialized needs that I doubt you can meet.

The librarians whom I support and train in their use of a library automation system are so grateful for the electronic resources available to them, their students, their staff and their administrators via NOVELNY. For some libraries, it is all, in the way of databases, that libraries have to offer their patrons. Thank you!

We, students and educators, use the databases that you provide us all the time! Thank you for providing this important service for our students.

The databases continue to be useful for remote users. Ancestry (in house use only) does have an audience here.

I am not sure that NOVELNY needs to meet the primary needs of school libraries. Schools often have very specific needs based on local curriculum. But having NOVELNY provide the extras like general periodicals and reference is a great benefit to these libraries who might have a harder time funding these types of purchases that are not targeted at specific demands in the school.

Teacher Centers provide in-service courses on databases and use database information to have colleagues prepare classroom materials and instruction.

Thank you for all of the wonderful resources you provide!

Thank you for asking!

Thank you for asking!!!!

Thank you for continuing to provide this service for our students. One of our library goals is to familiarize students with the data bases that you offer, so they can continue to use them after they graduate, using their driver license ID.

Thanks for a great resource!

Thank you for providing NOVELNY resources!

Thank you for taking time soliciting feedback. Efficient operation.

Thank you for the excellent resources you make available to NY State citizens

Thank you for the NOVELNY program--I would have little or no access to databases without this program....

Thank you!

Thank you!

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Thanks for asking!

We only found out this year we have access to NOVELNY databases. We haven't even begun to fully utilize what is available to us, and we are so excited for these resources to be open!!

We need access to short clips on how to use each database.

We really miss Biography Resource Center!

Whatever is chosen, it would be nice if the products would go on a July 1st to June 30th renewal schedule. That way, schools wouldn't have the product disappear midway through the school year.

Why do we have attorney only library cards? Every New Yorker pays taxes.

Our system doesn't update their website to current contents of your website very often. I need to learn to go to the state website and play with the tools there

Level of Databases

We really need more databases, better databases and reference materials to service the K-12 community. We should be adding, not cutting at the state level, particularly in light of the Common Core. We also need more databases that can be searched by reading level and contain material for the younger students that is current, relevant to the curriculum and understandable to them.

Could we have some online reference directed towards K-2 and students with very low reading levels?

Databases are used and required by high school and college students/professors. Much of the NOVELNY is geared toward elementary students. The more academic ones are very expensive and schools could use the help and would certainly use the resources extensively.

I strongly feel there should be more information for the elementary and intermediate students because they need to learn at an early age that there is more to the internet than Google. Online primary source documents for children would be helpful and a larger selection of children's magazines should be represented.

Lower elementary resources, like BookFlix or TrueFlix, would be great too.

I would like to see more databases for the elementary level students. Also video streaming items. What about some live streaming author presentations?

It would be a shame if NOVELNY eliminated anything that is currently geared towards the Elementary Level. We use Grolier products, Searchasaurus, and would LOVE to have World Book in the suite.

It would be nice to have some better offerings for elementary aged students; the EBSCO product SAYS it's targeted for kids, and the interface would indicate that it is so, but the content is often too advanced for elementary students.

With the integration of the Common Core Learning Standards and the newly NYSLSA endorsed Empire State Information Fluency Continuum, it is essential that students across New York State have access to vetted nonfiction material, complex text and informational text.

With the Common Core emphasis on informational text databases for younger grades, especially middle school is very important.

Low level reading material - low encyclopedia, low periodical (grades 2-3)

More elementary database.

More for very young students.

It would be great if there were more user friendly kid databases and EBooks available.

More products suitable for our youngest readers, e.g. BookFlix, TrueFlix.

My elementary teachers and students have little success using current NOVELNY databases. The reading level is too high or the content is too slim. NBK in Grolier does not even have an article on the Iroquois, a standard fourth grade research project. If we want students to use these databases, we need to get them in the habit of doing so at a young age.

Please include databases for upper level students. Often the databases choices are geared toward elementary students.

Databases that help students will positively impact both school and public libraries. The three Gale databases that I entered would help tremendously!

Some of your questions asked about databases that were for secondary students. I don't believe that you'll have accurate results combining high school and elementary databases.

The databases should afford people access to information that is not readily available online. Americans attending colleges and universities have access to all sorts of useful and reliable information through their school, but once Americans graduate, their access to this information is cut off. If we want to truly encourage life-long learning we need to provide our citizens with access to in-depth and reliable information through out their lives, not just during the 2-8 year window of higher education attainment.

The EBSCO database for elementary children is useless at high school level and there should be option to not have that one and to have the secondary school one.

We need more databases for the elementary age level.

More databases are needed on an elementary school reading level. Most of the NOVELNY databases are more appropriate for use in high school, rather than elementary school. The last year most students get library instruction is in the fifth grade. The majority of the NOVELNY databases are too difficult for these students to read.

We need sources which provide one to two page informational (non-fiction) articles on many topics that are appropriate for grades 1-8 which include Lexile levels for common core skills teaching and assessment.

There are so many young students in dire need of early literacy materials, visual dictionaries, or primary level research tools. It would be great if NOVELNY could address the needs of these youngest patrons.

There are insufficient higher level sources. I would love access to JSTOR.

We could use more academic databases generally.

Timing of Announcement

Continuity and advance notice of changes are both very important. My libraries are submitting requests now for 2013-14 school year resources. They need to know soon if resources they rely upon will not be available next year. Once the district's period for requesting resources closes (usually by January), many cannot make additional requests until the 2014-15 budget planning period, leaving a noticeable information gap for the upcoming year.

I am a SLS Director, Please let us know ANY changes by APRIL at the latest so we can plan and let our districts know! I do A LOT of ordering with eBooks and Databases and would be happy to assist with any questions or input needed.

Timing is a huge issue! School budget requests are due in late Jan. for the following school year. We need to know what databases NOVELNY will purchase by early Jan so that we don't spend our limited funds on resources comparable to the ones NOVELNY purchases. Had I known what NOVELNY was offering this year, I would have spent my funds on other products.

We need to know which databases are going to be ordered prior to 7/1 in a given year. This year we had already spent local monies to purchase databases which the state then notified us we were going to receive through NOVELNY. Very inefficient!

Cutting Databases

Don't cut any databases, we need them all.

Elimination of this program will result in devastating consequences for my school community as it is the reference hub for all of my students and community members. I SUGGEST New York State ADD funding to NOVELNY as it is through education that a civilized society improves itself. I have suggested adding the highest quality products from the best vendors as it SHOULD BE. Let's take those NYS Lottery revenues and IMPROVE all educational services in our state for a better New York. I would be interested in serving on committee to make this recommendation and to make these purchases for our students.

It is important that you do not eliminate existing NOVELNY databases since our budgets are done far in advance of learning of your decisions.

Our district relies heavily on the NOVELNY databases. It is a wonderful service and great use of taxpayer dollars. Please do not consider cutting this service.

Please continue to offer the NOVELNY Databases. With budgets being cut, these databases are extremely helpful to librarians who cannot afford to purchase databases.

Please do not cut funding for online databases provided by NOVELNY. Our current online subscriptions equal our book budget in cost but I need to buy both for my students. NYS only mandates \$6.25 per student but I have to spend up to 4 times that amount for a new non-fiction book. Instead of buying 600 new books per year which is what I need to do to keep the collection current (and appealing), the NYS mandate means I only have \$3750 for my 600 students. Given the cost of new books for young adults, I should be spending \$15,000 per year. Please do not cut funding for databases - they help to keep information current for my students and prepare them for college.

Other

I am disturbed that patrons must sign in with their NYS Driver's license. That means that use can be tracked to specific people. I and our patrons are not happy with this.

Question 10 is all mixed up!

Question 10 was confusing in that one of the headings that should have been NAME was incorrect. A question asking for what other resources/vendors would you like to see on state contract would be helpful. You did not ask about JobNow.... Also we would like to see Language Learning and Auto Repair.

Sorry—question 10 is too time-intensive to complete.

The previous page of this survey is not consistently formatted with Vendor/Product/Primary Audience. Very confusing.

The question on Vendors and Products does not make any sense

The vendor section in question 10 did not align properly