

## What is NOVELNY?

Provided by the New York State Library, NOVELNY is an online virtual library connecting New Yorkers to 21st century information via libraries and library systems statewide. 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, NOVELNY provides online access to the following database products:

### BRITANNICA DIGITAL LEARNING

*Britannica Academic* – The rich combination of the venerable *Encyclopedia Britannica* plus *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, magazines and periodicals, and many other research tools provides the variety of reliable sources that college students need to consult when conducting thorough collegiate research—all from one resource. Articles provide high-quality, comprehensive, trusted information with balanced, global perspectives and insights that users will not find anywhere else.

*Britannica Escolar* – Discover the leading knowledge-building resource that is universally trusted for accurate and age-appropriate content in Spanish. New features make it more valuable than ever for native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and students learning Spanish.

*Britannica School* – A source for all grades (Pre-K-12) and all reading abilities. Offers thousands of up-to-date, curated, and curriculum-relevant articles, images, videos, audio clips, primary sources, maps, research tools, recommended web sites, and three separate databases—Elementary, Middle, or High.

### GALE, A CENGAGE COMPANY

*Academic OneFile with InfoTrac Collections* – A source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles (numbering in the millions) from the world's leading journals and reference sources. With extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects, it is both authoritative and comprehensive. Includes full-text coverage of the *New York Times* back to 1985 and *The Economist* back to 1988.

*Business Insights: Essentials* – This comprehensive database brings together a wide variety of global business information including company profiles, industry/market research reports, investment/brokerage reports from Thomson Reuters, and financial reports, as well as business magazines and newspapers. It contains full text from over 8,100

periodical titles.

*Computer Database* – Provides access to business and technical publications in the computer, electronics, and telecommunications industries.

*Educators Reference Complete* – Resource for educators and education students. Provides access to periodicals covering pre-school to college and most educational specialties. Also contains federal and international reports and publications, including full-text for many titles cited in ERIC.

*Expanded Academic ASAP* – Resource for academic research includes scholarly journals and selected general interest titles in a wide variety of subjects. Ideal for smaller academic libraries and high schools.

*General OneFile with InfoTrac Collections* – A source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology, and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles, many with images.

*General Reference Center Gold* – General-interest sources include magazines, children's magazines, newspapers, almanacs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and reference books.

*Health Reference Center Academic* – Provides access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, plus select consumer health information sources, and thousands of health-related multimedia.

*Informe Académico* – Spanish interface provides access to Spanish- and Portuguese-language scholarly journals both from and about Latin America.

*InfoTrac Newsstand* – Offers over 2,000 full-text newspapers that include several New York State newspapers. New York State Newspapers is a subset of InfoTrac Newsstand including articles from *Buffalo News*, *Glens Falls Post-Star*, *New York Times*, *New York Post*, and *Newsday*. Also includes article citations from 1977 to present for the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and the *Washington Post*.

*Kids InfoBits* – Contains over 550 age-appropriate magazines for grades K-5. Also includes Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary, maps, flags, seals, charts, graphs, and over 600 videos to support STEM topics.

*Opposing Viewpoints in Context* – Contains a range of perspectives on many important issues, with over 21,000 pro/con viewpoints. Includes a variety of resource types: reference, news, primary sources, multimedia and more.

*Research in Context* – Resource for students in grades 6 to 8. Offers magazines, newspapers, primary sources, over 12,000 videos and more on a variety of topics. Supports national and state curriculum standards in language arts, social studies and science.

## Job Resources

The Job Seekers page [novelnewyork.org/jobseekers.php](http://novelnewyork.org/jobseekers.php) provides links to various job resources.

### What other resources are available?

The Current Events page at [novelnewyork.org/events.php](http://novelnewyork.org/events.php) provides a link to selected newspaper resources.

### Who is eligible to participate in NOVELNY, and what benefits do they receive?

Participation is available to all not-for-profit 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 a minimum of \$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](http://www.novelnewyork.org) via geoIP authentication without entering a driver license number as long as they are in New York State.

### 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](http://www.novelnewyork.org). As of 2017 over 5,900 libraries and library systems are registered to use NOVELNY.

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

The vendors offer online training resources and webinars. Librarians can also arrange training sessions directly through the vendors. There is no fee for training. Please see [novelnewyork.org/training.php](http://novelnewyork.org/training.php) for more information.

### What are the origins of NOVELNY?

The Board of Regents, at their July 13, 2000, meeting, adopted the final report of the Regents Commission on Library Services, *Meeting the Needs of all New Yorkers: Library Service in the New Century*, as Regents policy. Recommendation one in this report is to “Create NOVEL, the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library, to deliver high-quality, reliable digital information to all New Yorkers.”

## How is NOVELNY funded?

NOVELNY is 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).

### What other services are provided to NOVELNY users?

The New York State Library hosts the NOVEL-DB e-mail list to post announcements concerning database issues, contract dates, database training sessions, and other information useful to NOVELNY-registered libraries. See the web site [www.novelnewyork.org](http://www.novelnewyork.org) or e-mail [nyslnoel@nysed.gov](mailto:nyslnoel@nysed.gov) for further information.

A Help Desk, also provided by the New York State Library, is staffed Monday through Friday to respond to questions about the databases offered through NOVELNY. Additional information may be found at the NOVELNY Help Desk web page at [novelnewyork.org/helpdesk.php](http://novelnewyork.org/helpdesk.php).

A marketing toolkit is available at [www.novelnewyork.org](http://www.novelnewyork.org) to help library staff and library supporters publicize, explain, and demonstrate the features of NOVELNY. The kit includes materials for downloading and printing, and other helpful components that are appropriate for a variety of audiences.

Web Site: [www.novelnewyork.org](http://www.novelnewyork.org)

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