



What is NOVELNY?

A 2020 Vision for NOVELNY
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History of NOVELNY

- 15 years old
- Recommended in the Final Report of the Regents Commission on Library Services
- Original report included statewide electronic resources, shared electronic holdings, opportunities for libraries to digitize collections, and opportunities for high-speed network access
- Funded 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)

NOVELNY by the Numbers

- Number of databases: 10
- Number of vendors: 3
- Number of full-text publications: 17,700
- Number of searches in 2014/15: 43,535,190*
- Number of New Yorkers served: 19,378,102
- Number of libraries registered for NOVELNY: 5,870
- Number of webinars/workshops in 2014/15: 98
- Dollars spent in 2014/15: \$3,000,000
- Cost to you: \$0

* Does not include searches executed through a discovery service. Does not include eLibrary Elementary searches performed when databases were accessed through geolocation.

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Resources



- Kindergarten
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Adult
- Business
- Encyclopedias
- General Reference
- Health
- Kids' General Reference
- News
- Viewpoints



Access

- Geolocation
- Library card
- Driver License/Non-Driver ID



Challenges

- Funding
- Time to evaluate options
- Conflicting opinions from the field



Desired Features

- Quality, relevant content
- High percentage of full text
- Vendors on state contract
- Training services
- Promotional services/materials
- Usage reports
- Customer support
- Credits/refunds for current subscribers
- IP authentication/geoIP authentication



Next Steps

- Database survey
 - October 1 – November 12, 2015
- One expert from each type of library system
 - Public Library Systems
 - Reference and Research Library Resources Systems
 - School Library Systems
- NYLA Forum
 - October 23, 2015

Questions

- 1) The library community has indicated in surveys that NOVELNY is the most highly valued service of the State Library. What would increase NOVELNY's value to your library, your library users and your community? (Be specific)
- 2) What more could the State Library do to provide e-resources for New Yorkers?
- 3) NOVELNY is now 15 years old. What improvements would you like to see implemented over the next five years? (Be specific)
- 4) If your local library had really high-speed broadband service – like 1 Gigabyte – what kinds of opportunities might that open for users of a product like NOVELNY? What kinds of services are library users not able to use because current broadband service is not sufficient?
- 5) What can be done to better promote NOVELNY resources to the public?
- 6) Who uses NOVELNY in your community? How do you know?
- 7) How do your users access NOVELNY now? What would you do to improve access?
- 8) What would be the benefits to your library's customers if all NOVELNY resources were available through one easy to use portal, with no need for a password or library card? What could be the downsides?
- 9) What NOVELNY usage statistics are essential for your library or library system, and why?

NOVELNY survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/936CNT3>

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