

The New York Library Initiative



Libraries fueling literacy, learning, innovation and growth

Statewide Internet Library

Benefits

- **Free library online** – The *Statewide Internet Library* provides free access to thousands of current publications, plus health, business, news and consumer information, authoritative copyrighted information that is not freely available on the Internet.
- **Saves Tax Dollars** – Cost savings for taxpayers are huge. Dollars invested in a *Statewide Internet Library* buy licenses and subscriptions that would cost local libraries up to 35 times.
- **Local savings** – The *Statewide Internet Library* provides resources many local libraries cannot afford on their own. The *Statewide Internet Library* enables local libraries to provide their users with free access to hundreds of periodicals, as well as thousands of other age-appropriate research resources and e-books.

Needs

- **New York ranks 35th** in per capita spending for a statewide Internet library, behind states including New Jersey, Georgia, Michigan, and California.
- **Powerful, up-to-date information** – To be competitive New York must have a powerful *Statewide Internet Library* with current and high-end information as well as electronic science and math information that will enable students to meet the state learning standards and increase their academic performance.
- **Ongoing state support** –The NOVELNY pilot project continues to be supported by limited and temporary federal Library Services and technology (LSTA) funds and lacks the support to grow into a robust *Statewide Internet Library*.

Users

- **All New Yorkers** – New Yorkers can access the *Statewide Internet Library* from home, work, or school through their local library's website using their library card or with a New York State Driver License or a Department of Motor Vehicles non-driver ID card at www.novelnewyork.org.
- **25 million searches** – The *Statewide Internet Library* has been tested via the successful NOVELNY pilot project. Searches have soared almost 1300% since 2001 to over 25 million per year.

Resources Requested

\$10 Million Annually

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