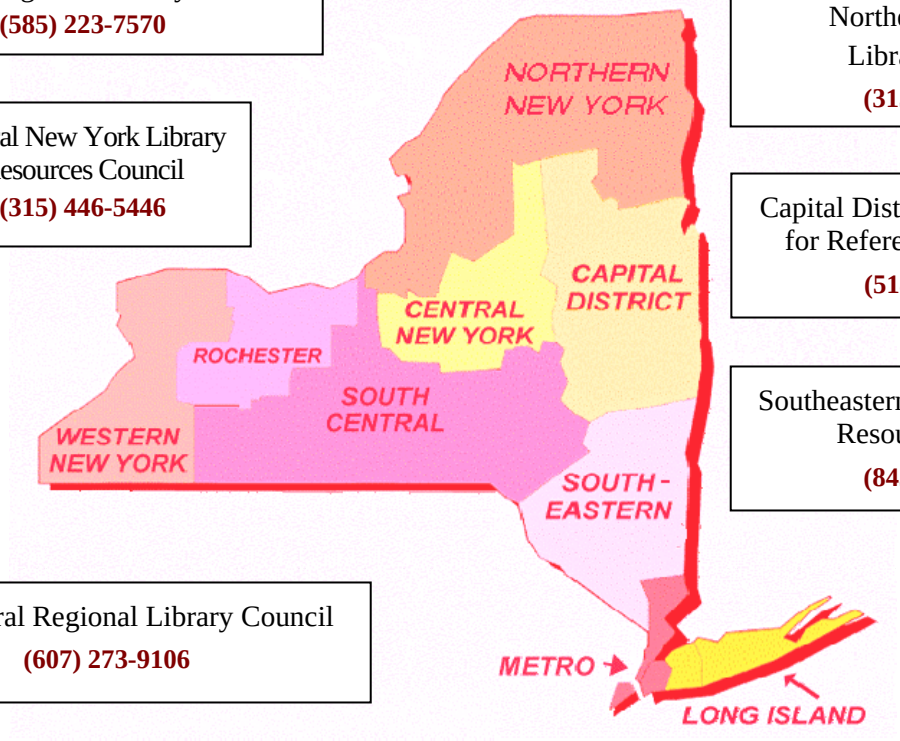
FACTS ABOUT REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCILS

- Serve over 19 million people statewide.
- Serve more than 900 academic, hospital, law and business, and other special libraries.
- Serve 23 public library systems with 755 public libraries.
- Serve 41 school library systems with 3,103 school library media centers.
- Facilitate more than 640,000 interlibrary loan and resource sharing requests annually.
- Distribute grants to all types of libraries.
- Offer free access to NOVELNY and hundreds of other electronic information databases (full text of newspapers, journals, etc.), and e-books.
- Provide professional development and training opportunities for library staff and trustees.
- Connect with the New York State Library, public library systems, school library systems and academic and special libraries for regional access to specialized resources.
- Libraries are a $1.6 billion industry in New York generating another $3 billion in economic activity.

NEW YORK STATE'S REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCILS

Rochester Regional Library Council
(585) 223-7570

Central New York Library Resources Council
(315) 446-5446



Northern New York Library Network
(315) 265-1119

Capital District Library Council for Reference and Research
(518) 438-2500

Southeastern New York Library Resources Council
(845) 883-9065

South Central Regional Library Council
(607) 273-9106

Western New York Library Resources Council
(716) 633-0705

METRO – Metropolitan New York Library Council
(212) 228-2320

Long Island Library Resources Council
(631) 675-1570

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCILS SERVICES:

Reference and research library resources councils provide a wide range of direct support services including:

- Support for the latest technologies, including the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELNY), full-text electronic journals, newspapers and e-books, digitization, Internet access, listservs, websites, locator tools, equipment and software
- Interlibrary loan, document delivery services, reciprocal borrowing cards and other resource sharing services
- Special library research services for small rural hospital libraries to ensure access to major research collections
- Staff expertise in areas such as medical information, advanced technology, collection development, management, reference services and information literacy
- Programs of professional development and training for library staff and trustees on site, online and through video conferencing (such as digitization, evaluation and assessment, and database searching)
- Coordination of state funding programs for academic collections, hospital services, regional resource sharing and documentary heritage
- Working with the New York State Library to develop the statewide New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELNY Pilot)
- Coordinating the statewide Documentary Heritage Program in cooperation with the New York State Archives
- Cooperative grants administration, consulting and grant writing assistance
- Marketing, advocacy and public relations services
- Web sites for the council and member libraries

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1966, the New York State Legislature authorized the establishment of reference and research library resources councils in Education Law. Governance and function are established in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Each reference and research library resources council is governed by a board of trustees and has a variety of advisory committees to help carry out its work.

The State created reference and research library resources councils to expand the availability of the resources of academic, medical, law, business and special libraries to more New Yorkers and to enable libraries of all types to buy services and share resources cooperatively in order to strengthen programs and services.

All nine of the reference and research library resources councils are supported by a combination of State Aid to libraries and membership dues. Councils qualify for aid based on an approved five-year plan of service, annual budgets and reports.

For more information on Reference and Research Library Resources Councils:

Visit the New York State Library web site at:
www.nysl.nysed.gov

Access your 3Rs web site at:
www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/lrc/index.html

Call the Division of Library Development at the New York State Library: **(518) 474-7890**

NOVELNY
New York Online Virtual Electronic Library

Visit the New York State Library's NOVELNY web site at:
www.novelnewyork.org

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Ensuring that all New Yorkers get the information they need regardless of where they live, work or go to school.

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