

Resources and Services for Physicians and Researchers

The New York State Library provides physicians and medical researchers with access to medical and scholarly collections.

Medical and Health-related resources

The New York State Library (NYSL) has an extensive medical and health collection for easy access to evidence-based, clinical information and comprehensive literature searches in the medical, biomedical, life science and psychology fields. The focus of the collection is for the general practitioner, medical researcher and medical specialist. The collection includes clinically relevant sources, standards for patient care, diagnostic and therapeutic resources, treatment and alternative therapies, medical research databases and directories. The State Library also has a large historical collection of medical pamphlets and books.

Below is a list of some of the online resources that can be accessed onsite or remotely 24/7 with a NYSL NYS Government employee or NYSL Physician Borrower's card.

- Abstracts in Social Gerontology
- Academic Search Complete
- AMED (alternative medicine)
- Biological Abstracts
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management
- Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
- MEDLINE
- Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database
- Oxford Reference Online
- ProQuest Platinum
- PsycINFO
- ScienceDirect
- Springer Protocols

Online Journals and Newspapers

Physicians can use their NYSL Physician Borrower's card at home or in the office to access millions of full-text journal and newspaper articles available in over 20,000 e-journals and e-newspapers.

Some of the e-journals available from the NYSL include: *American Journal of Emergency Medicine, American Journal of Hypertension, American Journal of Pathology, Anaesthetist, Annals of Internal Medicine, Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Blood, Brain Research, Burns, Cancer, Child Development, Diagnostic Microbiology and Infectious Disease, Family Practice Management, Fertility and Sterility, JAMA, Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia, Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology, Journal of Medical Engineering & Technology, Journal of Pediatric Neurosciences, Journal of Urology, Lancet Infectious Diseases, Lupus, Parasitology, Physician Executive and Respiratory Medicine.*

The State Library's participation as a founding member of *PORTICO*, an e-journal archiving service, ensures access to peer reviewed, scholarly journals.

Government Records

The New York State documents collection in paper and digital format includes many health-related publications, such as *Motor Disorders: Assessment and Intervention for Young Children (Age 0-3 Years)*; *Genetic Testing and Screening in the Age of Genomic Medicine*; and *HIV Prevention/Health Care Update*. Since its creation in 1818, the New York State Library has been a repository of official New York State Government publications including those of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of State government; State Commissions; and public authorities. The Library has the world's largest collection of New York State government documents. Since 1995, the State Library has been scanning New York State government documents and providing free access to these digital versions through its online catalog at www.nysl.nysed.gov.

As the New York State regional depository for United States government publications, the State Library maintains a collection of every document distributed under the Government Printing Office Depository Library Program, including many health-related documents. The State Library also owns large microform collections of NTIS, ERIC and NASA material, as well as, many commercially produced microform collections that complement and supplement the US government documents collection.

Borrower's Card

Physicians and New York State Government employees statewide are eligible for a New York State Library "P" Borrower's Card. Physicians can use their NYSL "P" Borrower's Card from their office or home to access the 100 online databases and over 20,000 e-journals and e-newspapers available from the Library. Physicians can also use their card to borrow materials from the Library's circulating print and microform collections. Books can be charged out and sent to a physician's office address via UPS or US Mail. Journal articles can be copied for a fee and mailed, faxed or e-mailed to physicians. A NYSL "P" Borrower's card can also be issued to a physician's office so the physician's office staff can use it.

Other (non-State employed) researchers, medical personnel and individuals who are New York State residents are eligible for a New York State Library "R" (Resident) Borrower's Card. The "R" card provides holders who are onsite with the ability to borrow material directly from the Library's circulating print and microform collections and remote access to the 13 online databases and over 5,400 full-text e-journals and newspapers in NOVELny.

Collections — Online and Onsite

The New York State Library offers access to a research collection of over 20 million items. With a focus on the culture and history of New York State, the New York State Library's collection is particularly strong in law, medicine, social sciences, education, American and New York State history, science, technology, and Federal and NY State documents. The State Library also subscribes to numerous online resources that complement our print and microform collections.

Interlibrary Loan

The research resources of the New York State Library - digital, microform and print - are available via interlibrary loan to all researchers, scholars, students and medical staff across the State. An updated interlibrary loan system, which includes e-mail delivery, speeds receipt of resources. The State Library is among more than 100 libraries throughout New York State participating in the LAND statewide delivery service.

State Medical Library

Part of the New York State Library is designated by law as the "State Medical Library". This designation dates to 1891 when the New York State Legislature appropriated \$5,000 to the New York State Library to pay for expenses "to receive the medical library offered to the state by the Albany medical college." Funds from the Library's acquisitions budget have been earmarked since then for the purchase of medical material.

For More Information

For information about the New York State Library or **NOVELNY**, go to www.nysl.nysed.gov.

For information on a New York State Library Borrower's Card, go to www.nysl.nysed.gov/apply.htm or send an email to Circ@mail.nysed.gov.

For information about Library collections, call the Reference Desk at (518) 474-5355 or send an email by using the form at www.nysl.nysed.gov/refserv.htm.

For information about Manuscripts and Special Collections, call (518) 474-6282 or send an email to msscolls@mail.nysed.gov.

For more information on the New York State Library or libraries in New York State, contact Bernard Margolis, New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, at (518) 474-5930 or via email at Bmargolis@mail.nysed.gov.

