

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 1 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 comprehensive is NOVELNY?

NOVELNY is intended to encompass all types of libraries: public, school, academic, and special libraries. NOVELNY will enable all of New York’s libraries to make digital information from their collections available to users in their homes or offices.

How much State funding is being requested by the Regents to implement NOVELNY?

As part of the *New York Knowledge Initiative*, the State will invest millions annually to sustain NOVELNY. For resources and the latest information on the full *New York Knowledge Initiative* Regents and Legislative Budget proposal, go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/>.

What is included in the NOVEL Implementation Plan?

NOVEL: Libraries Expanding Information Access for New Yorkers in the New Century, the Final NOVEL Implementation Plan translates many ideas into a single written source that provides the foundation on which we will construct NOVEL. To do this, the Implementation Plan recommends five NOVEL initiatives, which offer the basis of a program that will greatly expand access to bibliographic and full-text electronic information for New Yorkers. The five NOVEL initiatives are as follows:

- ◆ Increase access to electronic resources on a statewide basis.
- ◆ Expand resource sharing in New York State to improve electronic and traditional access to library resources for all users.
- ◆ Develop a coordinated program for the digitization of information resources in New York libraries and other repositories.
- ◆ Enhance the availability of high-speed telecommunications for New York’s libraries across all regions of the state.
- ◆ Develop a NOVEL user interface (or portal) that integrates the services and resources brought together under NOVEL.

The Plan also recommended the creation of a NOVEL Steering Committee to organize the ongoing work of NOVEL.

What is the NOVELNY Steering Committee?

The NOVELNY Steering Committee comprises library leaders from a broad spectrum of libraries and systems throughout the State. They have the responsibility of implementing the NOVEL plan, *NOVEL New York Online Virtual Electronic Library: Libraries Expanding Information Access for New Yorkers in the New Century* (1) to guide electronic services in the State's libraries in the 21st century, and (2) to ensure quality information services to all residents. The Steering Committee will build on the five initiatives developed by the NOVEL Planning Team that serve to lay the groundwork for the NOVEL plan.

Who are the members of the NOVELNY Steering Committee?

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How can I obtain more information about NOVELNY or participate in NOVELNY discussions and development?

If you need additional information or would like to know more about NOVELNY, visit the NOVELNY web site at <<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel>>. You can also sign up for the NOVEL-L e-mail list to participate in NOVELNY discussions and development. Instructions for subscribing to NOVEL-L are posted on the NOVELNY web site.



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