

# NOVELNY

## REQUEST: \$3.1M

### What is NOVELny?

- Established in 2000 and facilitated by the New York State Library, NOVELny is a curated collection of databases and resources; offering access to hundreds of academic journals, magazines newspapers, maps, charts, research, and reference materials available to all New Yorkers free of charge.
- New York State residents may access the service using a public library card or via geolocation on the NOVELny website.
- Students may also access the NOVELny databases through their school or academic library.

By purchasing centrally via the New York State Library, each dollar spent on NOVELny provides \$97 worth of access for our state's residents and ensure continued statewide access.

### Why is NOVELny Important?

All New Yorkers, regardless of age, socioeconomic standing, or local funding, deserve equitable access to reliable, reputable information resources that allow them to be lifelong learners and informed citizens.

- NOVELny is an embedded resource in school, public, and academic libraries, with over two decades of integration in lesson plans and curriculum maps in school districts statewide.
- Without the advantages offered by state contract rates and central purchasing, the cost of obtaining the resources provided by NOVELny would be prohibitive for a large portion of public, academic, and school libraries across our state. Particularly for libraries in high-need schools and economically distressed communities.
- Continuation of NOVELny is essential if we are to remain committed to the advancement of digital equity and the provision of robust education for all – not just those with the greatest financial means.

### Where Are We Now?

- In FY 2025, the New York State Board of Regents requested \$3M for the continuation of NOVELny in its Budget and Legislative Priorities for the 2024-25 School Year.
- Both the Legislature and Governor Hochul advanced it, securing the platform for one additional year. It now must receive funding again if it is to continue for the 2025-2026 school year.
- The New York Library Association requests an allocation of \$3.1M in FY2026 to ensure the continuation of NOVELny without any price-increase related cuts to existing services.