

New York State Online Resources

The New York State Library and the New York Public Library makes a wide variety of online resources available to New York State residents.


New York State Library

New York State Library resources are available through NOVELny and The Research Library. Subject areas covered include agricultural sciences, anthropology & archaeology, art & architecture, biography, biological sciences, business, education, environmental science & ecology, genealogy, geology, government, grants, health and medicine, history, law, language & literature, newspapers, political science, psychology, reference, standards, statistics and technology.

You can search for articles in scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers.

A list of databases by title is available at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/gate/remotedb.htm>. The databases are also organized by subject <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/gate/esubject.htm>.



Databases with the  logo or the “**NYSL R Card**” link are available to any New Yorker with a NY State Driver License/Photo ID number. For information about applying for a New York State Resident’s Borrower’s Card, go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/apply.htm>. You can request an application form by calling by calling (518) 473-7895 or sending an email to nyslcirc@mail.nysed.gov. You must be 18 or older to apply.

A more extensive collection of databases designated by the “**NYSL P Card**” link is available to faculty or staff members employed by Binghamton University or to permanent New York State Government employees. To login to these databases, you must have must complete a NYSL NYS Government Employee Borrower’s application and verify your employment status by presenting one of the following:


- A current NYS agency or legislative photo identification card that includes an expiration date, OR
- A NYS government paycheck stub AND a NYS agency photo-identification card, a NYS legislature photo-identification card, a current NYS Driver’s license, or a current photo-identification card issued by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles.

See <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/apply.htm#nysgov>

In addition to databases, NYS Borrowers (NYSL P Card holders) can also access the full text of electronic journals and books. See <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/elecres.htm>.

Resources freely available to all include Internet Bibliographies, a collection of web resources organized by subject prepared by New York State Library reference librarians <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/reference/> and the New York State Library Digital Collections, a collection of approximately 65,000 documents relating to New York State [Access via <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/elecres.htm>.]

New York Public Library

To access databases from the New York Public Library, you must apply for a library card <https://www2.nypl.org/home/branch/brlibsapp.cfm>. To see a list of the databases, go to <http://wfsearch.webfeat.org/clients/nypl/nyplsubjects.asp>. After receiving your library card, you will be able to search the databases that have the Databases Available From Home logo .

The New York Public Library also has extensive Digital Collections <http://www.nypl.org/digital/>