



TO: Cultural Education Committee
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Update the Cultural Education Committee on the NOVELny statewide database project.

Background Information

The New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELny) is an online library of magazines, newspapers, maps, charts, research and reference books that are available to every New Yorker, free of charge. Users may access NOVELny with a public library card, New York driver license, or non-driver ID. Students may also access the NOVELny databases through their school or academic library. NOVELny has been a very successful statewide service of the State Library that has been widely adopted and heavily used.

As of December 31, 2012 NOVELny was available in 5,595 libraries statewide.

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