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The New York State Library

The Library continues its leadership role in defining the 21st century library, working with some 7,000 libraries and library systems statewide.

With a collection of more than 20 million items, the New York State Library is the largest State Library in the nation and the only State Library to qualify for membership in the Association of Research Libraries.

From its offices at the Cultural Education Center in Albany, the Library continues to serve New Yorkers, as it has for almost 200 years.

Impressive changes are underway in the New York State Library, as it continues to shape the future of the Library experience by adding new services. For example, all New York State residents, 18 years and older, now are eligible to receive a borrower's card. The card will allow those people to directly borrow items on-site from the Library.

All New Yorkers, even those in geographically isolated communities, can have Internet access to NOVELNY, New York's Online Virtual Electronic Library.

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Become a Friend

The Friends is a not-for-profit group of readers, Library users, scholars, historians, and others whose mission is to stimulate government and public support for our nation's greatest State Library. We support the Library through public education and advocacy, working with the State government and others to strengthen, preserve, and publicize the collections and services of the world-renowned institution.

Supporting members receive:

- Admission to the Friends Annual Meeting, featuring a notable author. In the past few years, we hosted the prize-winning and best-selling writers, Taylor Branch, Joseph Persico, Jules Feiffer, and Edmund Morris.
- Invitations to other stimulating programs sponsored by the Friends and the Library.
- A subscription to the *New York State Library News*, an illustrated quarterly newsletter on developments in the State's flagship Library.

Contributing members receive above benefits, plus:

- Access to the full suite of the Library's databases
- Gift product related to New York State history, politics, or other topic.

Excelsior members receive above benefits, plus:

- Behind the scenes tour of the State Library
- Invitation to a private special exhibit or program

Come visit!

Stop and see us on Madison Avenue when you're in Albany. The main reading room of the State Library is on the 7th floor of the Cultural Education Center while access to manuscripts and special collections is on the 11th floor. The Library now is open on Saturday, 9:30-5, along with regular Monday-Friday hours 9-5.

Take advantage of the wireless Internet access available on the 7th floor and browse the Library's electronic resources, or apply for a New York State Resident Borrower's card that gives NYS residents who are not eligible under other NYSL Borrower categories on-site borrowing privileges as well as remote access to the NOVELNY databases through the NYSL Web site.

You also can see facilities of the Talking Book and Braille Library, which serves as a statewide network.

Welcome, researchers

Researchers in many disciplines turn to the Library for its major holdings in law, the humanities, medicine, the social sciences, education, American and New York State history and culture, the pure sciences, and technology.

The State Library attracts history and genealogy researchers from all over the country. Here you have access to the unique library manuscript collection and the work of the New York State Newspaper Project.

Such a massive repository can be daunting. Free classes guide researchers through the Library's resources. These programs are scheduled for noontimes during the week or on Saturdays in the 7th floor Librarians Room or in the new training classroom. Learn more about the New York State Library at:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov>.