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*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”*

~ Nelson Mandela

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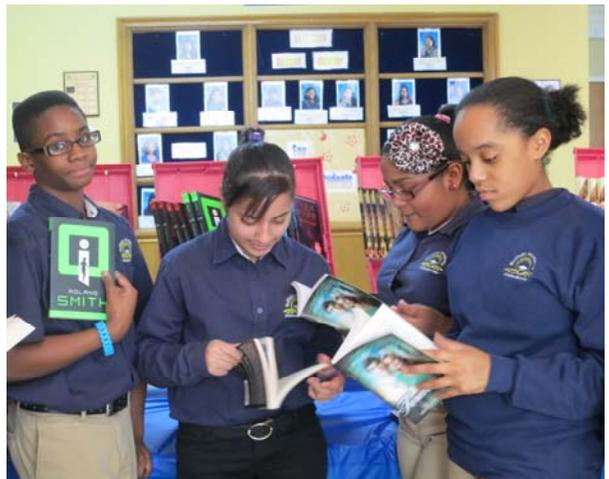
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## FREE NYS Online Literary Services

Access information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by logging on to NOVELNY—the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library. A wide variety of resources – books, magazines, newspapers, research and reference sources and more are available to New York State residents with NO FEES 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



NOVELNY makes all this information available to you – wherever you are – if you have access to the Internet and hold either a public library card, a New York driver license, or a New York non-driver ID. Students may access the NOVELNY databases through school or academic library. Here is the link to get started: <http://novelnewyork.org/index.php> Happy Reading!!!

## Literacy is Key

A great way to reinforce literacy skills is playing reading-related games. Spend quality family time by playing store-bought games, such as Apples to Apples, Scrabble®, Boggle®, and other spelling games played with letter tiles, or board games that require players to read spaces, cards and directions.





For more information about the Common Core Standards and how you can assist your child, visit:

Engageny.org:

[www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources](http://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources)

National Parent Teacher Association:

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

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## What Are Common Core Learning Standards?

Learning standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each grade. The new Common Core Standards provide a clear picture of what students need to learn each year in order to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college and careers.

The Common Core Standards were developed by educators and other experts based on research and lessons learned by top-performing countries. The standards describe the skills and knowledge our students need to succeed in a rapidly changing world, including the ability to think creatively, solve real-world

problems, make effective arguments and engage in debates.

In NYS, Common Core Standards for English language arts include a focus on literacy in history, science and technical subjects. As a result, students will be asked to do significantly more writing and to read increasingly more complex texts with an emphasis on nonfiction. In math, students will take more time to understand concepts deeply, make connections between topics and master complex ideas through hands-on learning.

Staying informed about your

child's academic performance and behavior at school is key to making sure s/he is developing the skills s/he will need to be successful in college and careers. Some easy ways to stay well-informed are:

- Check in regularly with your child's teachers
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Volunteer at school events
- Join the parent association

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## Parent Resources

"All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer (White, 1906; Entwisle & Alexander 1992; Cooper, 1996; Downey et al. 2004)."

-National Summer Learning Association, *Doesn't Every Child Deserve a Memorable Summer?* (Baltimore, MD: Author, 2009), <http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=research-brief>.

National Summer Learning Association - <http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=research-brief>

Reading Is Fundamental - <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/teenagers-and-reading.htm>

Education.com - <http://www.education.com/magazine/article/teen-summer-math-slide/>

Edutopia - <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/resources-prevent-summer-slide-matt-davis>

