Overview of NoveList K-8 Plus

NoveList is a database that helps match readers to books. While basic NoveList K-8 covers fiction titles, NoveList K-8 Plus adds narrative (readable!) nonfiction titles. NoveList K-8 Plus also adds additional supplemental material for nonfiction titles including: Recommended Reads lists, Curricular Connections, Common Core content, and Grab and Go Book Lists.

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In NoveList K-8 Plus you can find:

- Just the right books for younger readers, to match each reader’s interests and reading level
- Hand-crafted recommendations created by book experts
- Resources for teachers and parents
- Reading lists by genre and topic
- Books by Lexile or Accelerated Reader level
- Professional and reader reviews
- Appeal terms so a reader can find a book in “their style”
- Awards lists of all award-winning books

Navigating the homepage

The Home Screen is the starting point for using NoveList. From the homepage you can perform searches, browse books by appeal combinations or genre, browse NoveList’s Recommended Reads lists, and access read-alikes for popular books.

The top toolbar of every NoveList screen contains the following three important links:

- **Home button** – Return to NoveList home page
- **Help** – Access NoveList Help
- **Feedback** – Send questions or comments to NoveList staff

Other links on the toolbar include:

- **Browse By** – Browse from the Awards page, or from our Genre or Appeal pages. From our Appeal page, you can use our Appeal Mixer to create a custom combination of your favorite appeal terms
- **Especially For** – Links to the pages on our professional development content:
  - **Working with Youth** – For those who are working with kids and teens, access curriculum-based Book Lists, our Book Squad emails, Common Core content and more.
- **Quick Links** – Quickly access NoveList’s articles and lists.
- **How Do I?** – NoveList addresses your common questions with these help pages. Click a link to view help pages and tutorials to help you use NoveList.
- **Sign in to My NoveList**
- **Folder** – Allows you to quickly access saved searches, alerts, and lists

**Let’s take a closer look at the Working with Youth page:**
- Hover over the Especially For drop-down.
- Click the Working with Youth link.

From this page, you can find articles about programming or ideas for teachers. You can also click the Common Core link on the right to access Common Core content by grade level.

**Basic Search Bar**
This is where we will do our searches in a few minutes.

**I’m in the mood for books that are...Appeal Browse**
This carousel features popular appeal term combinations and books that match these terms.
- Use the Audience Level links at the top of this section to limit to a particular audience.
- Click one of the Appeal combo tabs at the top.
- Scroll through the carousel by using the arrow links on the right side.
- Click the Appeal Mixer link to create your own custom appeal combination.
- From the Appeal Mixer, create an appeal mix. Try selecting Category: Storyline and Appeal Term: World-building, then Category: Writing Style and Appeal Term: Compelling.
- Click Find Titles button.
- Scroll through carousel of results.
- Return to the home screen using the logo link or the Home link from the top toolbar.

**Browse Genres**
From this section, you can click on an audience link to view popular books by genre. At the top of the Genre page, select a genre from the drop-down to view even more titles from this genre and popular sub-genres.
Featured Read-alikes
This carousel features a range of current bestselling and popular titles, selected by NoveList librarians. Click on a book jacket image for recommendations for readers looking for a similar title. These titles, which are regularly updated, are other hot, often seasonally appropriate books that readers are going to be asking about.

Recommended Reads
From the left side of the homepage you can access the Recommended Reads lists, which are organized by genre and theme. Compiled by experienced librarians and literature specialists, Recommended Reads lists cover a wide variety of genres and topics across all reading levels.

Recommended Reads can be used to:
- Find your next book to read on a topic or genre you enjoy
- Find books for readers that enjoy a particular series or titles (If You Like...)
- Find books for fans of a popular TV series or even fans of a band or musician (For Fans Of...)
- Create book displays or reading lists
- Find similar titles by looking at the subject headings for each title
- Print out for a patron

Using Recommended Reads
- Select an age group using the buttons.
- Select a genre or topic.
- Select a subtopic. You’ll see up to 18-20 selected titles for the subtopic.
- Demonstrate the various options for sorting: Relevance, Author, Title, Date, etc.
- Demonstrate the different views: Grid, Compact, Brief, Detailed
- Note that changing the view changes the way the list will appear printed
- Additional content will appear in the right hand column under Related Content

Searching in NoveList K-8
The Basic Search box is available from the top of every NoveList screen. Select one of the options from the drop-down menu to perform a specific search.
1. Searching by Keyword

Have a young reader looking for a book on a particular topic? Use the keyword search to find books by subject.

- **Keyword** is the default search. Leave **Keyword** selected.
- Enter the following in the search box – **mystery girl detective**.
- Click **Search**. Lots of results!

### Narrow Down the Result List

- From the left column you can:
  - Use our limiters of audience, review available, award winner, forthcoming, and publication date (NovelList K-8 Plus also has a limiter of fiction vs. nonfiction). The Update Results button must be clicked for your selected limiters to be applied.
  - The menus under the limiters pull the most common Genres, Appeal Factors (Character, Storyline, Pace, Tone, Writing Style, Illustration), Subjects found among your results. Make a selection from one of these menus to focus in on the results you are looking for. The options here will vary depending on your search terms and results.

- From the Result List, you will see:
  - Results will be organized by type (Books, Series, Authors, Lists & Articles) using tabs across the top.
  - If your library has catalog linking set up, your catalog link will appear under each record in the Books tab. If you want catalog linking set up for your library, send NovelList a message by clicking the Feedback link in the top toolbar.
  - Lexile and Accelerated Reader level information will display for each book record when it is available.

2. Searching by Title

Search by title to find read-alikes for titles that you have already read and enjoyed.
Clear the search box by clicking the X.

Select **Title** from the drop-down menu.

Enter: **Eleanor & Park.**

Click **Search.** Novelist will take you right to the detail record.

At the detail record, you will find:

- **Basic Information** – At the top, you’ll find basic information about the title. Again, if you have catalog linking set up, you will see a link to your library’s catalog at the bottom of this section.
- **Tabs** – Tabs for Reviews, More About This Book, and Lists & Articles appear if content is available for the title.
- **Search for More** – Search for similar books based on the genre and appeal terms for the book you are viewing.
- **Read-alikes** – You will find up to nine title recommendations for the title you are viewing. Recommendations can be found for titles at all reading levels. Each recommendation will display a book jacket image (if available), the title of the book, and the author. Hover over the book jacket for more detailed information about the recommendation including the reason for the recommendation. You can easily print these recommendations out—just click View All!

### 3. Finding Read-alikes for a Series

This is a great search to use when you just finished a series and want to find more like it.

Clear the search box by clicking the X.

Select **Series** from the drop-down menu.

Enter: **Divergent.**

Click **Search.** Novelist will take you right to the series detail record. Check out the Series Read-alikes on the right. Again you can hover over a jacket image to learn more about the recommendation.

This search works for authors too—just search for an author and click into the author record.
5. Search Reviews

- Click the Advanced Search link.
- Clear your search box terms by clicking the Clear button.
- In the search box, enter: storytime.
- Select RV Review from the Select a Field drop-down.
- Click Search.

This search is great for finding books to keep your storytime group entertained!

6. Searching by Lexile

Use Lexiles to find books at the right reading level for a reader.

- Click the Advanced Search link.
- Clear your search box terms by clicking the Clear button.
- From the Lexile Range limiter, select a range (try 420-650).
- Click Search.

7. Search by Accelerated Reader level

Accelerated Reader levels, like Lexile, can be used to find books at the perfect reading level for a reader.

- Click the Advanced Search link.
- Clear your search box terms by clicking the Clear button.
- From the Accelerated Reader Interest Level limiter, select a level (try Middle Grades MG).
- Click Search.
8. Use Advanced Search Limiters

You can find more than just the Lexile Range and Accelerated Reader level limiters at the Advanced Search page. Try one of the limiters listed below. And remember, you don’t need to enter a search term to search a limiter.

- Grade Level
- Number of Pages
- Review Available
- Award Winner

Want more searches?

Use our search strategies to find more searches and tips on using NoveList K-8. You can find the following search strategies at the NoveList Support Center.

- Books for Storytime
- Books for Tweens
- Books with Diverse Characters
- Find Read-alikes
- Gentle Reads
- “Just Right” Books