



NoveList Plus | MasterFILE Premier | EBSCO Suite of Databases

**NoveList Plus**

NoveList Plus is your guide to fiction and nonfiction books. The database includes professional reviews, ideas for read-alike titles, and booklists.

**MasterFILE Premier**

MasterFILE Premier and Academic Search Premier are periodical databases containing magazine indexes, article citations, and in the case of many popular titles, full-text articles. These databases will provide patrons and students with access to research materials and leisure reading.

**Other EBSCO Databases**

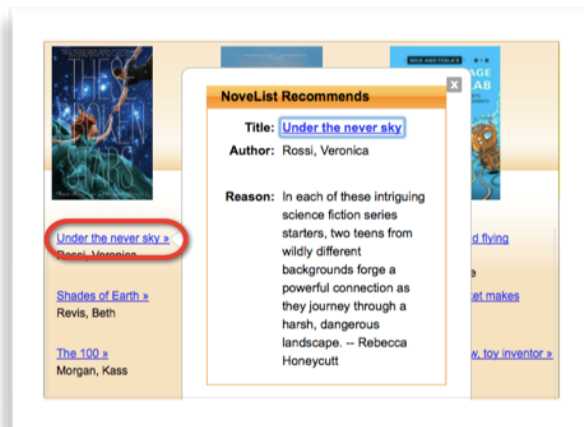
Additionally, the EBSCO suite of databases provides interfaces that are age-group appropriate. All of the databases are available from the main menu at [search.ebscohost.com/](http://search.ebscohost.com/).

**NoveList Plus**

- Professional Reviews
- Subject Headings
- Genres
- Appeal Terms
- Book Lists
- Book Discussion Guides
- Read-alike titles
- Series Order

*Finding Read-alikes for Popular (Checked-out) Titles*

On the homepage of the NoveList Plus (NLP) database, you will immediately see book covers of today's popular new releases and three hand-selected read-alike titles that you can recommend to your patrons while they are waiting for the new titles to become available. When you click on the link for the recommended title, you will see a short paragraph explaining why this title was selected as a read-alike for the new title. Click on the title link to continue to the item record.



## Professional Tools

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NoveList Plus includes the following professional tools for librarians:

- Book Discussion Guides
- Book Lists
- Common Core Connections
- Award Winners
- Articles on Learning about Genres
- Read-alike Articles (for titles, authors, and series)

All of these tools can be found from links on the NoveList Plus homepage.

## Professional Journals in EBSCO

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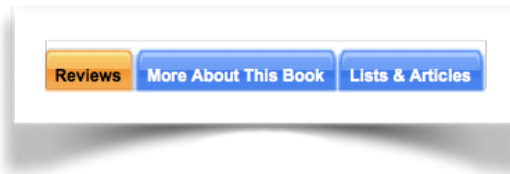
Did you know that you can read full issues of many professional library journals through your EBSCO subscription? Available titles include: Library Journal, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, Horn Book, Computers in Libraries, and more!

## The Item Record in NoveList Plus

The item record contains a slew of helpful information for the librarians and reader! Unlike the MARC record that contains professional librarian terminology, the NLP item record contains words that are more meaningful to the average reader, like genre, storyline, tone, and writing style. The record will also provide some general guidelines for minimum and maximum grade levels and Lexile level. Both useful information when trying to match a child with a great book.

Don't miss the linked series information and the link to the Goodreads item record (where you can read user reviews from devoted readers).

Scroll downwards to find tabs for "Reviews," "More About This Book," and "Lists & Articles."



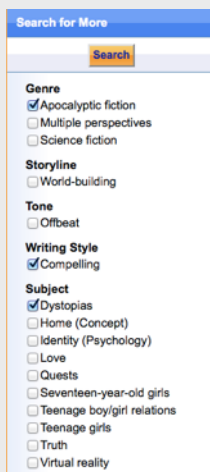
NoveList Plus contains both fiction and nonfiction titles (whereas NoveList contains just fiction works). Item records contain full-text book reviews, whenever available. The reviews come from professional book review and library periodicals: *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *Kirkus*.

The link "More About This Book" contains subject headings, which are often much different than you will find in the title's

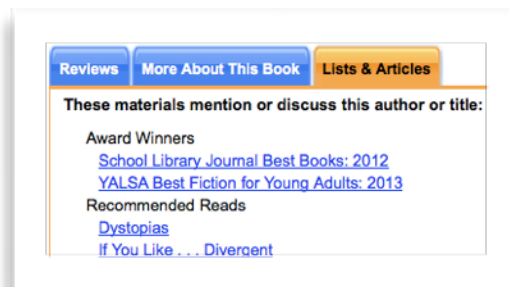
MARC record. Clicking on a linked subject heading will bring you to other titles, possibly similar titles, that use this heading.

## Appeal Factors vs. Subject Headings

As librarians, we all know that subject headings lead us to the materials we are looking for – but sometimes they are seem better suited for finding nonfiction titles. We tend to like fiction reading based on factors other than the subject matter: we like the tone of the book or one author’s writing style more than another’s. That’s where “Appeal” comes into play. Find a book that you enjoyed and discover others with similar appeal using the “Search for More” feature. Stay flexible with your search results as some of the appeal factors can be quite subjective and not used for all possible matching records.

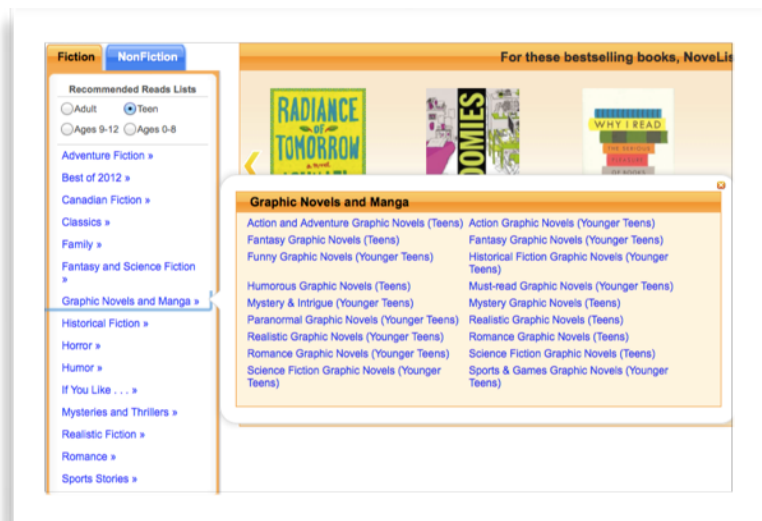


If the title is included in any book or award lists, you will also see a “Lists & Articles” tab.



## Finding Books Lists for Adults and Children

NoveList Plus provides a wide selection of book lists to help you and your patrons select books that match their reading level and desires. An easy way to get started is by selection between fiction and nonfiction >> selecting an age group >> selecting a genre >> and finally, selecting a sub-genre book list.



A selection of titles will be displayed. Click on a book cover to view the item record. Notice the other sub-genre lists displayed to the right of the screen.

## Advanced Search in NoveList Plus

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- Audience
- Grade Level
- Publication Date
- Lexile Reading Level
- Page Count
- Author's Nationality
- Author's Cultural Identity
- Author's Gender
- Dewey Range Search
- Fiction/Nonfiction
- Forthcoming works
- Award Winner
- Document Type

The document type allows you to quickly find book review guides, articles on recommended reads,

## Search Tips

The Basic Search is a great way to find the item record for a known title or to quickly search for a title based on keywords. (searching for "dystopia girl pod", for instance, will bring up *Under the Never Sky* in the search results). But there are times when you need to dig deeper. You can either use field codes or go into the Advanced Search.

### Exercises

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A patron is looking for a book. All that she can remember is that it was set in Iceland about a murderer and it was based on a true saga. Which words would you use to find the book? Which book(s) did you find?

And how about the next patron who asks if there is a new book in her favorite series about a penniless royal who solves mysteries. Which series is this? Can you put up the series order for your patron?

Speaking of series, how would you find the series written by Diana Gabaldon?

And can you answer this quickly? Did Jane Smiley ever write any books for young people? Is there a way of quickly filtering this?

## A Note About Database Content

Not all databases contain the same content or arrange their data the same way. Each database includes a different set of periodical titles. Although there is a significant amount of overlap between any two databases, each database will include a few important titles that cannot be found in any other database. For instance, *Consumer Reports* can only be found in MasterFILE Premier – not in Academic Search Premier. And *Harvard Business Review* is only found in

## PDF or HTML?

Some of the titles are scanned and provided in PDF format. When slower bandwidths were a concern, PDF were considered the second choice. However, now that PDFs are quick to load and render beautifully on a wide variety of computers and tablets, this is no longer a concern.

## Search Field Codes

AU: Author

TI: Title

GN: Genre

AP: Appeal Factors

PY: Publication Year

TX: Text

SU: Subject Terms

GE: Geographical Terms

AB: Abstract

IS: ISSN

IB: ISBN

SO: Journal Name

AN: Accession Number

Business Searching Interface and is not available in any other of our databases, etc.

## MasterFILE Premier

It wasn't too long ago that we would say that MasterFILE Premier is a electronic periodical database. (Gosh, it's been a while since we used that term, eh?) Nowadays, we'd probably say that MasterFILE Premier is an online collection of magazine articles. When talking about the database with your patrons, be sure to explain that the site contains many full-text articles, but that not all of the magazines are available in full-text.

### Finding Magazine Articles by Title & Date

Start at your EBSCO main menu and click on "All Adult Resources." Now select "Title List" under MasterFILE Premier. This will allow us find a known article or browse a known publication by date.

Your patron wants to read this month's *Consumer Reports*. How will you find it? Let's walk through this one together...

After clicking on "Title List," type in *consumer reports* to browse the publications alphabetically. The results will show that the title is available in PDF full text. Click on the title to access the publication.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'consumer reports' in the MasterFILE Premier database. The search results are displayed in an alphabetical list. The first result is 'Consumer Reports', which is circled in red. Below the title, it shows 'Bibliographic Records: 01/01/1985 To Present' and 'Full Text: 01/01/1991 To Present'. There are icons for 'PDF Full Text' and 'HTML Full Text'. A red arrow points to the 'Full Text' link. The second result is 'Consumer Reports Buying Guide', which also shows 'Bibliographic Records: 01/01/1999 To Present' and 'Full Text: 01/01/1999 To Present' with 'PDF Full Text' and 'HTML Full Text' options.

## Getting the Article to Your Patron

EBSCO makes it easy to save the article for future use, print it, or send the article to your patron. Check out the links along the side of the page. Sending an email to your patron will send the entire article (HTML or PDF) within the email. A username and password is not needed to access the article. However, it is a good idea to include the login information with the email in case they wish to continue searching in the database!



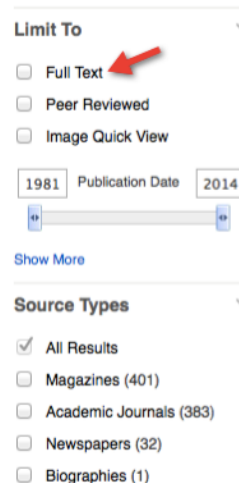
From this point you can select an issue date to browse. Click on the small "+" to expand a year.

Select an issue to browse the articles. Note that the articles are listed in page order. Click on an article title or the full text link for any article to view the entire article.

Now your patron wants to know if they can get a recent issue of Rolling Stone. And will they be able to see the pictures? Let's find out! (Click on "Publications" in the upper-left corner of the screen to browse/search for more publications.)

## Basic Search

You can perform a basic search for just about any topic and limit the search results after the fact. For instance, I searched for "vitamin d deficiency" and then sorted my results to only show full text articles from a specific date range.

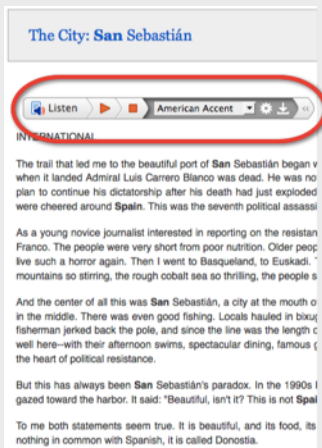


## Advanced Search

The advanced search is handy when you need to search within a specific publication for a topic. Or when you are searching for a specific type of article. For instance, you can select "Book Review" as the document type and will only get book review results. (Handy for librarians, eh?)

## Listening to Articles

Some databases allow the researcher to listen to articles with the built-in audio player. This is a terrific solution for students who would benefit from reading along with the text.



## SmartText Searching

If you find an article that not only matches your subject needs, but also the tone and reading style you enjoy, click on the "Smart Search" in the left sidebar to find similar results.

### Exercises

A new book has crossed my path titled "Uninvited" by Sophie Jordan. I searched NoveList Plus, but it hasn't been added yet. Has any publication reviewed it yet? How would we limit our search to finding book reviews?

Someone told me that cod liver oil is good for me. Hmm... Are there any articles from peer reviewed journals in full text that I can read? Is there a way to sort to only view peer reviewed articles? (Hint: Look to the left sidebar.)

The SmartText Search can also be accessed from the Advanced Search screen. (Copy an article or a relevant paragraph into the SmartText Search box to find similar articles.)

## Evaluate the Sources

Although our databases contain peer-reviewed journal articles and material from reputable sources, remember to evaluate the materials and teach your patrons to do the same. Teach parents to take advantage of the tools

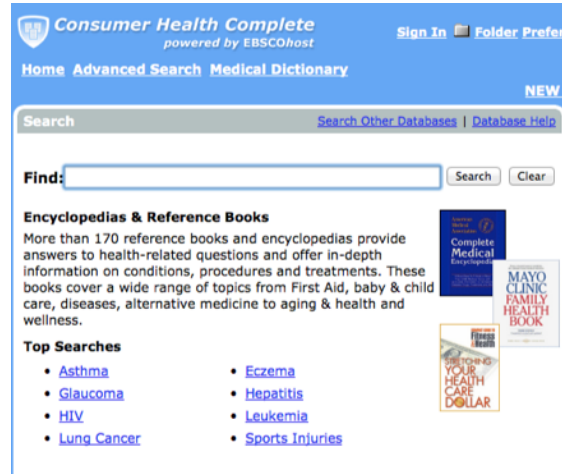
## Student Resources

In addition to NoveList Plus and the MasterFILE periodical database, our package also includes an academic periodical database that includes more scholarly resources both for advanced grades and young children. Note that the children's databases can be searched or configured to show results from magazines and resources for children or articles with lesser Lexile levels.

- Topic Search provides articles on current events and a wide array of social and political subjects.
- Student Research Center is designed to help guide students grades 6-12 in finding research materials.
- Searchasaurus is a colorful search interface for elementary-aged children.

available in the databases, like "Lexile" levels and "audience" to help limit search results for young children.

As always, take care when directing patrons towards medical information. Our EBSCO suite includes two medical databases. The information appears to be well laid out for finding information on common ailments...



But the articles, although from authoritative sources, can be dated, as we see here with the articles dating from more than 10 years ago.

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2. [Eczema.](#)  
*American Medical Association Complete Medical Encyclopedia.* 2003, p496-496. 1/9p.  
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3. [Dyshidrotic eczema.](#)  
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4. [genetic basis of asthma, hay fever and eczema.](#)  
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Questions? Comments?

Great job!