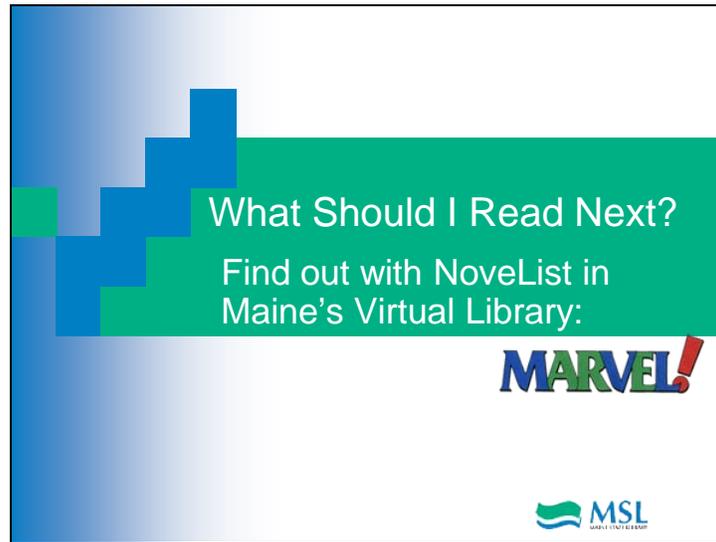Slide 1

Welcome to another Maine State Library tutorial. What do you do when you've finished the last James Patterson book in a series? Where do you turn to find another book that reads like Patterson? Use the NoveList group of databases to locate similar authors or find a new series that will delight you as much.

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NoveList Plus

■ Subject access to over 100,000 fiction and nonfiction titles.

■ Features include articles, book discussion guides, and BookTalks

■ Four appeal factor categories: Storyline, Pace, Tone, and Writing Style.

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MARVEL provides access to 4 versions of the NoveList databases. NoveList and NoveList K-8 contain only fiction titles. NoveList Plus and NoveList Plus K-8 add non-fiction titles to the mix. If you only want to find fiction, use the NoveList option but if you want to see all the possibilities, use either NoveList Plus database. This tutorial will use the NoveList Plus database but the techniques covered will be useful no matter which version you choose.

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To access the NoveList Plus database, go to the Marvel homepage and click on 'N'.

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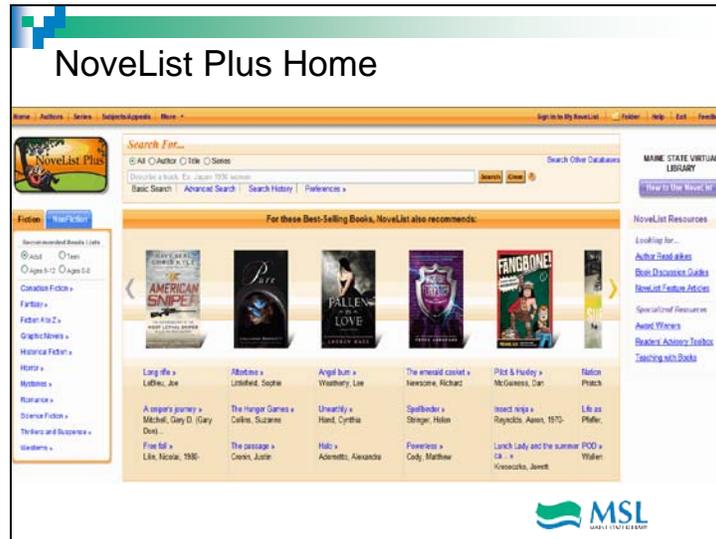
This is the homepage for NoveList Plus. The left side lets you choose recommended reading lists. The right side has links to resources to help you use NoveList Plus. The center contains the search box. Below that are popular titles with suggested read- alikes. We'll go through each of these area so lets start on the left side.

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The recommended reads lists make finding your next book a snap. The fiction option at the top is the default. You'll see it as a yellow gold tab. If you are interested in non-fiction, click on the blue tab. Next, choose the age range you're looking for. Finally, choose the genre, or category, you're interested in. When you click on Mysteries, for example, another menu further refining the category pops up. Choose one of the selections to get to a list of titles as shown in the next slide.

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Here's a sample reading list. At the top of the screen is a short explanation of what this category contains. Below that, is a list of titles. Click on one of them to get more detail about the book. There is also a link to the MaineCat catalog so you can find out what libraries in Maine own that title. On the right side, is the list of subcategories in case you want to jump to a different list.

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We've returned to the homepage. On the right side, you'll find resources such as author read-alikes, book discussion guides and more. Online help with using this resource is just a click away here too.

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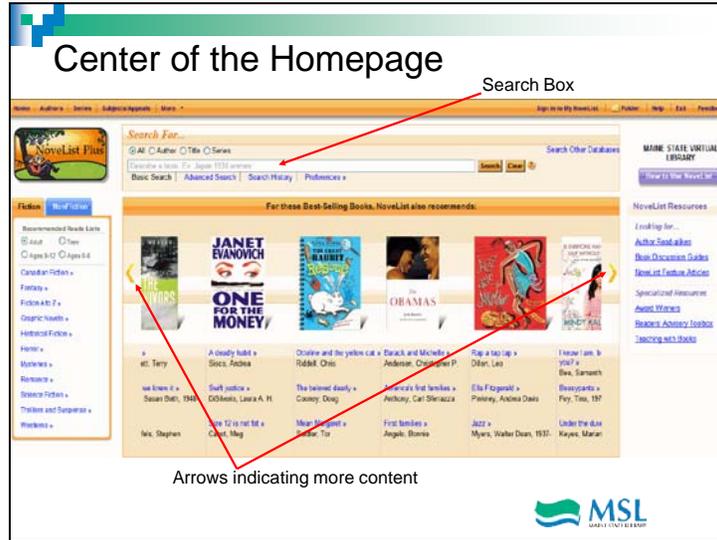
Now, let's talk about the main part of the homepage.   At the top center, you'll find the search box. You can search by author, title or series. Below the search box is a display of cover art from currently popular books with recommendations for similar books. Notice the arrows on the right and left indicating more recommendations.

We hope you've enjoyed this brief tour of NoveList Plus. It's a great tool to answer the age old question "What should I read next?"