Speed Search NoveList Using Field Codes

What are field codes?
Field codes are two letter codes used to quickly search specific fields in our records.

With a simple search, you can find all books or series with a particular genre (GN), appeal term (AP), theme (TH), or subject (SU). Combine field codes by adding AND between terms.

TRY IT
In the search box, enter: GN mysteries AND SU New York
Click Search
Limit to an audience on the left.

Find series (or not!)
Have a mystery reader looking for a new read but without the commitment of series? Or maybe you have a reader that prefers to only read books in a series? Use the SA field code!

TRY IT
Enter SA Y to search books that are part of a series, or enter SA N to search standalone books.
Click Search
Tip: Try combining the SA field code search with a search for a genre or subject.

Find high-quality titles
Search for books that have a starred review and have won an award using the AW (award winner) and RS (starred review) field codes. Follow the code with a “Y” for “Yes”!

TRY IT
In the search box, enter: AW Y AND RS Y
Just want teen books? Add an audience level.
AW Y AND RS Y AND RL 2
Only interested in fiction? Add the NF field code.
AW Y AND RS Y AND NF Fiction
Keep in mind that you can add the AW or RS code to any of your other searches, just add “AND” in between your codes or terms.

For example, standalone (SA N) mystery books (GN) that have starred reviews (RS)? Enter SA N AND GN mysteries AND RS Y

Find articles and lists
Have a favorite NoveList contributor? Use the TA code to search all articles and lists by one of our article/list authors. For example, enter TA Joyce Saricks.

Remember part of an article title, but not sure where to find it? Use TT to search article/list titles by keyword. For example, enter TT Dark Fantasy.

When to use:
Librarians: Have a reader looking for books by Nora Roberts that are not part of a series?

Readers: Need a quick list of historical fiction books with the character-driven appeal?

Parents: Want an award-winning series book for your 5th grade mystery reader?

Want more?
See our full list of NoveList Field Codes, or use our cheat sheet of popular field codes.