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The Michigan eLibrary (MeL) is your 24-hour link to **quality information** on virtually any topic. Vetted by professionals for resources that are **reliable, timely** and virtually **free of advertising**, MeL features **easy-to-use gateways** that allow you to find resources by focused subjects. These resources include books and audiovisual materials, magazine and newspaper articles, digital collections, indexes, ebooks, and/or Web resources.

The Michigan eLibrary is made up of:

1.) MeL Magazines, Newspapers, eBooks, Practice Tests, and more!

For Michigan residents only: from your library, or from anywhere else you have an Internet connection (with your driver's license or state ID):

- Over \$4 million worth of electronic resources (more than 45 subscription databases) purchased by the Library of Michigan for Michigan residents
- MeL includes millions of articles from many thousands of indexed magazines and newspapers a good percentage of which are full text
- Additional databases include academic and career-prep practice tests, business and company information, genealogy resources, consumer health information and much more

2.) MeLCat

For Michigan residents only: a catalog of nearly 8 million titles and over 26 million holdings (and growing!) from libraries around the state.

- Patrons from participating libraries can borrow books, CDs, and movies from other libraries at no charge
- Fast delivery – most items sent to the patron's library in 2-4 days
- Over 250 libraries (public, academic, school and special) are currently participating in MeLCat

3.) MeL Michigana, a growing selection of digital statewide historical primary resources including manuscripts, photographs, audio files, diaries, local records etc.

- Making of Modern Michigan. Archives of Michigan, Civil War diaries, Virtual Motor City, Railroads, Panoramic Maps and more

4.) MORE (Michigan Online Resources for Educators), a growing collection of lesson plans, interactive Web sites, curriculum resources and much more

- All resources are searchable by state subject or Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)
- Teachers can rate and review resources and view job postings in Education

The Michigan eLibrary can help you find the answers!

What do you want to know?

- ✓ How to start a small business in Michigan?
- ✓ Getting started on your family history?
- ✓ Titles of award-winning children's books?
- ✓ Latest research on skin-cancer treatment?
- ✓ How to find homework help?
- ✓ Information about prescription drugs?
- ✓ Where to find information on and about Michigan?
- ✓ Where to find a job in Michigan?

FAQs About Driver's License Access to MeL

Why do I have to use my driver's license or state ID to use certain parts of MeL?

The Library of Michigan purchased this \$4+ million collection of resources for exclusive use by Michigan residents. The login process simply provides reasonable assurance to the database providers that the user is a Michigan resident.

What if I don't have a driver's license?

You can use a state ID instead. State IDs are issued at Secretary of State offices for a nominal fee (under \$10). There is no age requirement to get an ID but you must prove you are a Michigan resident. IDs are valid for four years. For more details including required documentation see <http://michigan.gov/sos>.

If your library is a MeLCat participating library, <http://elibrary.mel.org/screens/participating.htm> you may also access MeL resources with your library card number.



What about user privacy?

The method used by the Library of Michigan to verify that a user is a Michigan resident does not give us access to any personal or driving record information. The log-on is via a secure Web server and log-on numbers are not captured or stored.

What about access for children?

Children may use a parent's license number (with permission, of course) or parents may get state IDs for their children. There is no age requirement to get a state ID.



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