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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 a variety of resources such as books and audiovisual materials, magazine and newspaper articles, practice tests, digitized collections, e-books, Web resources and much more!

Michigan's 24/7 Library

- Full Text Magazines and Newspapers
- Tests and Tutorials (GED, ACT, Careers, etc.)
- Job and Career Accelerator

MeL Subject Gateways

- Books and Reading
- Business and Jobs
- Genealogy
- Health and Wellness
- Kids
- Legal
- Reference Desk
- Teens

MeL Databases
Read full text articles from magazines and newspapers; find current reference sources; use advanced search functions

MeL.Cat
Order books, audio books, music, movies and other materials delivered to your participating library

M.O.R.E.
Michigan Online Resources for Educators: Find lesson plans and curriculum aids searchable by subject or state standard

Featured Resources
Includes info on broadband activities in Michigan and other evolving topics of statewide and national interest.

MeL Michigana
Explore Michigan's heritage through photographs, diaries, oral histories, local records and historical data

The Michigan eLibrary is made up of:

1.) MeL Databases: Magazines, Newspapers, eBooks, Practice Tests and More!

For Michigan residents only: from your library or from anywhere else you have Internet access (with your driver's license or state ID if necessary):

- Approximately \$4 million worth of electronic resources (more than 40 subscription databases) purchased by the Library of Michigan for Michigan residents
- MeL includes millions of articles from tens of thousands of indexed magazines and newspapers a good percentage of which are full text
- Databases content includes academic and career-prep practice tests and tutorials, job search and career exploration, K-12 resources, automotive repair, consumer health information and much more
- MeL ebook collection consists of 21,000 full text non-fiction titles

2.) MeLCat

A catalog of over 10 million titles and nearly 45 million holdings (and growing!) from over 400 libraries around the state.

- Patrons from participating libraries can borrow whatever libraries lend: books CDs, DVDs, etc. from other libraries at no charge
- Faster than standard interlibrary loan delivery—most items sent to requesting library in 5-7 days or less

3.) M.O.R.E. (Michigan Online Resources for Educators)

A growing collection of tens of thousands of curriculum based materials such as lesson plans, interactive Web sites, and other instructional resources for K-12 education.

- Resources are aligned to the Michigan state standards and searchable by the Grade Level and High School Content Expectations (GLCEs and HSCEs) and soon the Common Core Standards
- M.O.R.E. includes a place to store favorite online resources, a lesson plan builder and a place to collaborate

4.) MeL Featured Resources

These are special topics our subject specialists have chosen which are of particular interest to Michigan residents. Featured Resources in MeL are made up of Web resources that are virtually free of advertising and have met our standards for accuracy and quality information.

5.) MeL Michigana

A growing collection of digitized statewide historical resources including manuscripts, photographs, maps, oral histories, audio files plus much more and including best Michigan history Web sites.

- Find such collections as the Making of Modern Michigan, Seeking Michigan, Virtual Motor City, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Collection and others
- Search Michigana: Sources in U.S. History Online, a database of primary resources and contextual essays on Michigan history

6.) MeL Gateways

Your entry ways to finding all types of information on Books and Reading, Business and Jobs, Genealogy, Health and Wellness, Kids, Legal, Reference Desk and Teens.

The Michigan eLibrary can help you find the answers to what you need to know! MeL is Michigan's 24/7 Library.

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