

The Library of Michigan's Digital Library

The Michigan eLibrary (MeL) is an online library containing subscription eResources, digital history collections, educational curricular materials, websites that reflect the content in MeL's eight subject gateways and Michigana, plus discovery of the content from over 430 libraries across the state of Michigan. A service of the Library of Michigan, MeL brings access to digital images, videos, full-text articles, full-text books and other valuable research information at any time anywhere through the Internet.

What is the benefit of MeL?

MeL is certainly easy to access. It's fast and above all reliable. Information resources on MeL are well-vetted and accurate. As a digital library containing a wide array of eResources, MeL goes deeper than any other free Internet site in the state of Michigan. It's easy to see why MeL is perhaps the Internet's singularly most valuable information tool for educators, libraries, business and governmental agencies in Michigan.

What specific resources does MeL offer?

- MeL Databases provide instant access to full-text articles from tens of thousands of magazines and newspapers. Databases are available for kids, teens, adults, and on specialized topics such as car repair, family history and practice tests.
- MeLCat lets participating library's patrons order books, audio books, music, movies and other materials and have them delivered for pick-up at their library.
- MeL Michigana contains photographs, maps, diaries, oral histories, local records and historical Michigan data.
- MeL Gateways include specialized resources such as those in health, business, jobs and areas for kids and teens.
- M.O.R.E. Michigan Online Resources for Educators allows teachers and parents to find curricular-based resources searchable by standard, subject and aligned to the Common Core and state standards.

MeL resources* for Michigana

- **Governing Michigan**
- **Bentley Historical Library Web Archives**
- **Black Abolitionist Archives**
- **Collections of Henry Ford**
- **Core Historical Literature of Agriculture**
- **Early Detroit Images from the Burton Historical Collection**
- **Grand Valley State Digital Collections**
- **Great Lakes Maritime Database**
- **HathiTrust Digital Library**
- **Making of Modern Michigan**
- **Seeking Michigan**
- **Selected Library of Congress Resources for Michigan**
- **Turn of the Century America—Photographs from the Detroit Publishing Company 1880-1920**
- **Upper Peninsula Digitizing Center Collections**
- **Walter Reuther Library Digital Collections**
- **Soundscapes of the Upper Midwest**
- **Michigan Center for the Book**
- **Native American Records of the National Archives**
- **HeritageQuest Online**
- **Michigana: Sources in U.S. History Online**

* Current Collection

Explore Michigana and all MeL resources at www.mel.org



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Michigana

A Digital History of the People, Places and Eras of Michigan





An Articulate View of Michigan's Evolution.



Through every era, the colorful and influential story of Michigan is beautifully and accurately depicted through many perspectives.

- Railroads
- Great Lakes Shipping
- Ethnic Heritage
- Logging
- Native Americans
- Detroit History
- Automotive Industry
- Mackinaw Bridge
- Family Life
- Architecture
- Hunting & Fishing
- The War of 1812
- Panoramic Maps
- Upper Peninsula
- Michigan politics
- The Civil War
- Michigan Lighthouses
- African Americans
- Education and Schools
- County Histories
- Faith Communities

Discovering Timeless Michigan

For anyone wanting to seriously dig into Michigan's past, Michigana is a treasure trove of visual, audio and written words. A compilation of more than 50,000 individual digitized items from libraries and historical institutions all over the state, Michigana is perfect for teachers, genealogists, historians and everyone interested in examining our state's illustrious history.

Encapsulating the conditions, the people and the spirit of the past.

Michigana's searchable digital collections bring to life the geographic, economic, political and social realities of every era in Michigan's history and document Michigan's place in American history. Capturing the look, the sound and the temperament of the times through photographs, illustrations, newspaper articles, speeches, biographies, interviews, oral histories and more, Michigana is an invaluable resource that is simple to navigate.

