

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 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 a 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 subject and aligned to state and national standards.

Explore the Digital Library
and all MeL resources at www.mel.org

A wealth of MeL Databases

MeL Databases is where to find the full text of articles from magazines, journals, newspapers, digital books, tests, podcasts, maps and much more. They cover all topics and offer research information for all ages.

Commonly Sought-after Subjects

- Kids
- Business
- Jobs
- Legal
- Teens
- Government
- Health
- Books & Literacy

General Sources

General OneFile has magazines, journals, newspapers and podcasts on just about any topic. There are millions of articles that are full text, and the resource is updated daily.

News and Current Events

InfoTrac Newsstand has almost 900 full text newspapers from all over the United States and the world. Most of these papers contain articles back as far as 1980 and are updated daily.

Online Practice Tests

Whether to prepare for the SAT or ACT, a Civil Service exam, a licensing exam, a graduate school entrance exam or are preparing to become a U.S. citizen, **LearningExpress Library** is the place to go.

Very Academic

Peer-reviewed journals and highly academic sources are in **Academic OneFile**, a database primarily for use by college students and professionals.

Early Literacy

Young learners progress through **NoveList**, **K8 Plus**, **BookFlix**, **World Book Kids** and **Early World of Learning**.

Resources subject to change



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MeL for Libraries

Library Resources for the Digital Age



Bringing the resources of the Library of Michigan to everyone

Using federal, state and local funding, the Library of Michigan and the Michigan library community offer the content found in the Michigan eLibrary.

MeL serves libraries of all types

MeL brings well-vetted and reliable digital informational resources to over 2,200 libraries—public, academic, school and special—in every corner of Michigan.

Associations benefit from MeL

Many state associations, groups and library cooperatives around the state such as The Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS), Michigan Academic Library Association (MI-ALA), Michigan Library Association (MLA), Michigan Association of Media Educators (MAME), Council of Library Directors (COLD) and many others are aligned with MeL.

The value of reliable information

Library patrons of all kinds have learned to rely on the accuracy of information on MeL.org. Up to date and detailed databases and materials on MeL are compiled and made available from quality vendor resources.



Libraries offer MeL access to every patron

Libraries have always been a source of advice and guidance in all forms of information the public needs, and the digital age brings no exception to this tenet. MeL stands as the cyber-link between printed and electronic resources.

Not simply another “search engine,” MeL is a vast collection of articles, books, videos, maps, illustrations and photographs organized into searchable databases that provide users with easily navigated roadmaps to the information they need. Librarians are generally well-versed in the use of MeL and can readily train “new” users in use of the site for maximum benefit.

Favorite Databases of Library Patrons

Whether for school, work or general curiosity, library patrons use MeL to access reliable information, request library materials or simply fill in the blanks in their personal knowledge. Some of the most popular MeL resources are:

MeLCat Statewide Catalog

MeLCat is an up-to-date, centralized catalog and resource sharing component created to distribute materials among all types of libraries in Michigan. Through MeLCat, library users can borrow materials from over 430 participating libraries throughout the state and have them quickly sent to their home library. There are almost 48 million holdings in the ever-expanding MeLCat system.

MeL for Business and Jobs

MeL resources provide accurate, up-to-date and well-vetted statistics, economic data and industry information for local, statewide and national businesses. And, MeL job search and placement resources go way beyond that of normal search engines.



MeL for Kids

MeL has assembled games, puzzles, read-aloud stories, beginning research, activities and music from the country’s top providers geared from pre-school through middle-school. These are crafted to help children at all levels of comprehension recognize words, assemble them into thoughts and generally understand the process of reading and writing... all while having a good time.

MeL for Teens

MeL features four categories of information geared specifically to the needs of teenagers. Homework Help, Life Happens, Reading Zone and College Bound resources put invaluable information at the fingertips of youth when they need it most.