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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and  
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent <sup>KG</sup>

SUBJECT: New Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>)

Welcome to the new school year with the new and improved Michigan eLibrary (MeL) - <http://mel.org>! The Library of Michigan has been working on a redesign and new functionality for MeL and it is now ready to assist teachers, students and parents by providing excellent, vetted eResources for use in PreK-12 education. The Kids Gateway - <http://mel.org/kids>, and the Teen Gateway - <http://mel.org/teens>, are especially useful as is the Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE) - <http://more.mel.org>, which also recently received some new functionality--a new Unit Plan development tool.

A big change MeL users will see when going to the homepage is the discovery search box. Typing in search term(s) will display results from MeLCat (the statewide shared catalog), full-text articles from magazines, journals and newspapers, eBooks, digital collections and websites. Included on the results screen is the ability to further limit your search.

We hope teachers will take advantage of the new MeL and eResources, which are available at **no cost** to all Michigan residents. The MeL Team at the Library of Michigan is available to assist with Professional Development and in-service presentations for Michigan's K-12 community. Please contact Deb Biggs Thomas, MeL Coordinator at [biggsthomasd@michigan.gov](mailto:biggsthomasd@michigan.gov) for more information.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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