

Michigan eLibrary (MeL) Update 2008

Background (from Deb Biggs Thomas, MeL Coordinator, BiggsThomasD@michigan.gov)

- The newly redesigned MeL Web site has been up since shortly after Labor Day. The site now has more white space and a cleaner appearance.
- Photographs of Michigan Library users vary each time a visitor returns to <http://mel.org>
- MeL staff has taken a strategic look at MeL's Best of the Web and significantly pared it down to highlight areas in which statistics show the most interest.
- The **Featured Resources** section takes a **Gateway** approach with the following sections:
 - Books and Reading
 - Business and Careers
 - Genealogy
 - Health and Wellness
 - Kids
 - Michigan Quick Facts
 - Reference Desk
 - Teens
- The contents of a typical **Gateway** includes the following:
 - Recommended MeL databases
 - Suggested MeLCat subject searches
 - Best Web sites of a topical interest, including statistics/data where applicable
- Library and Information Science Web sites can be found in the Books and Reading Gateway as well as in the Reference Desk.
- See the MeL Information page at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_39174_39176---,00.html for promotional and instructional materials.

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Full Text Magazines and Newspapers

Tests and Tutorials (GED, ACT, Careers, etc.)

❖ **MeL Gateways** ❖

Books and Reading

Business and Careers

Genealogy

Health and Wellness

Kids

Michigan Quick Facts

Reference Desk

Teens

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

MeLCat
Order books, audio books, music, movies and other materials delivered to your participating library

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

Featured Resources
Find recommended links on a variety of subjects, special topics, and other MeL services

MORE
Michigan Online Resources for Educators
Find lessons plans and curriculum aids searchable by subject or state standard

MeL Databases (enhancements and improved content)

- Because MeL no longer contains the Best of Web and Pathfinder features, users should be aware of certain database components that offer suggested good Websites.
- SIRS Discoverer** contains **Webfind** that selects some 10,000 sites on the basis of relevance, credibility, appropriateness to students, and reliability.



- SIRS Renaissance** provides excellent **Curriculum Pathfinders**, suggesting materials for curricular departments that do not regularly use Library resources. See Math example.

The screenshot shows the SIRS Curriculum Pathfinders website. The header includes "sirs" logo, navigation tabs for "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Topic Browse", and "Database Features", and utility links for "Help", "How to Cite", "Dictionary", and "Thesaurus". The main content area is titled "Curriculum Pathfinders building 21st Century Skills" and features a "Course Subjects" menu with "Math" selected. The "Math" section is expanded to show "My Courses" (Algebra, Arithmetic, Calculus, Geometry, Statistics), "Equations and Problems" (Equations, Formulas, Logic, Measurement, Probabilities, Word Problems), and "History" (Ancient Numerals, Greek Mathematics). A "Research Ideas" section lists topics like "Fractals", "Game Theory", and "Nonlinear theories". A "Famous Mathematicians" section features portraits of Isaac Newton and Pythagoras. A sidebar on the right highlights "Interactive Websites" with a link to "Absurd Math". A red arrow points from a "Term paper topics" box to the "Nonlinear theories" link.

- Health & Wellness Resource Center** offers "Trusted Sites" which have been annotated and reviewed by Gale to provide additional information on health/medical topics.

The screenshot shows the Health & Wellness Resource Center website. The header features the "HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER" logo, a stethoscope icon, and navigation links for "Help", "Gale Databases", "Search Tips", "List of Sources", and "Guided Tour". The "GALE CENGAGE" logo is in the top right. The main navigation bar includes "Home", "Diseases & Conditions", "Alternative Medicine", "Drugs & Herbal Remedies", "Directory", "Dictionary", "Trusted Sites" (circled in red), "Health Assessment", and "Advanced Search".

- CINAHL** has limited text (70 journals) but extensive indexing. **Webbridge** now links you across to full-text available from other MeL Databases. Click **Find More!**

The screenshot shows a search result for "lyme disease" in CINAHL. The search results show "All Results: 1-10 of 881" and "Page: 1 2 3 4 5 Next". The first result is "1. Identifying tick-borne encephalitis." with a brief description and a "Find More!" button. A red arrow points to the "Find More!" button. On the right, the "meL.org" logo is displayed, and a sidebar lists "Magazine Articles" with links to "Gale - Academic OneFile", "Gale - InfoTrac OneFile", and "OCLC WilsonSelectPlus". A red arrow points to the "Gale - Academic OneFile" link. Below the sidebar, it says "Library Catalog" and "Search MeLCat for Michigan libraries with this journal."

MORE (Michigan Online Resources for Educators)

- Provides thousands of quality educational Websites tied to the state's curriculum and professional development needs.
- A project of the Library of Michigan, Michigan Department of Education and Wayne State University.
- Browse the subject tree or do a search on a specific term.

- An annotated list of results is returned. Link to a result or display the full record.

- The Advanced Search will let you find materials by resource type and by Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs) and High School Content Expectations (HSCSs).

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