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What is MeL?

MeLCat

Resource sharing among 437 participating libraries including academic, public, school, and special libraries

Access to 39,885,330 items

MeL eResources

70+ eResources covering topics including:

College and Career Preparation
Business
History
Biography
Legal resources
Health
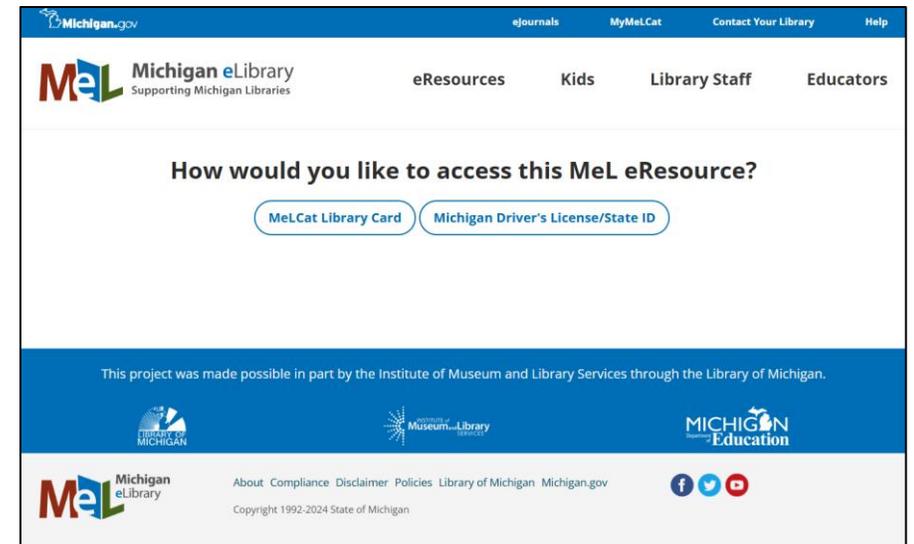Science and Technology
Readers' Advisory
Social Science
K-5 and Teen

How do I access MeL?

Link(s) on institution websites (Direct URLs from registered IP addresses)

Geo-IP recognition anywhere in Michigan

*may have to login or get support from melerhelp@mcls.org if IP address is not recognized
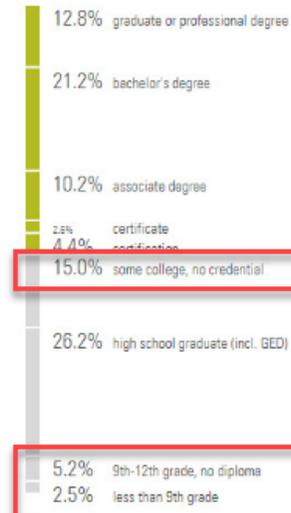
Educational Attainment in Michigan (2022)

Levels of Educational Attainment by Michigan as of 2022 (Lumina Foundation)

More information on the educational attainment of Michigan community college and university students can be found in the College Degrees and Certificates Awarded report.
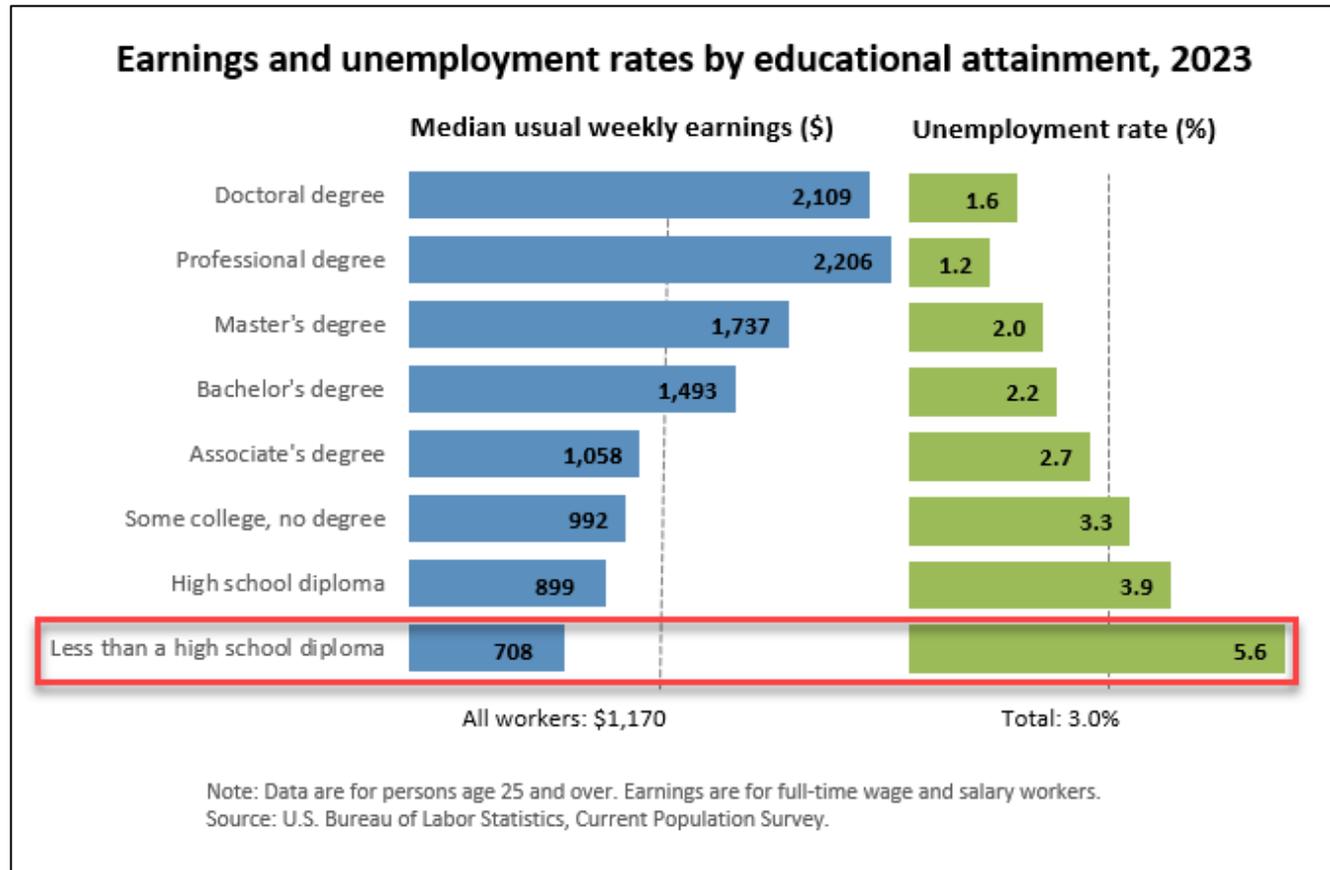
2022 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION
MI RESIDENTS AGES 25-34

- 10.9% graduate or professional degree
- 25.1% bachelor's degree
- 8.9% associate degree
- 2.5% certificate
- 4.4% certification
- 16.1% some college, no credential
- 24.6% high school graduate (incl. GED)
- 5.3% 9th-12th grade, no diploma
- 2.2% less than 9th grade

2022 EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION
MI RESIDENTS AGES 25-64

- 12.8% graduate or professional degree
- 21.2% bachelor's degree
- 10.2% associate degree
- 2.5% certificate
- 4.4% certification
- 15.0% some college, no credential
- 26.2% high school graduate (incl. GED)
- 5.2% 9th-12th grade, no diploma
- 2.5% less than 9th grade

MiSchoolData.org

Impact of Educational Attainment on Income and Employment (2023)

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2023

Educational attainment	Median usual weekly earnings ($)	Unemployment rate (%)
Doctoral degree	2,109	1.6
Professional degree	2,206	1.2
Master's degree	1,737	2.0
Bachelor's degree	1,493	2.2
Associate's degree	1,058	2.7
Some college, no degree	992	3.3
High school diploma	899	3.9
Less than a high school diploma	708	5.6

All workers: $1,170   Total: 3.0%

Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

"Education pays, 2023," *Career Outlook,* U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2024.

How Educational Attainment Impacts Lives

Educational Attainment

"Education is a critically important way for individuals to pursue their goals in life ...more

Research shows that higher educational attainment is associated with better life outcomes, including better economic and financial outcomes[2] and better health outcomes.[3,4] In particular, those without a high school diploma tend to face more negative outcomes including higher rates of joblessness and incarceration.[5,6] This domain, Educational Attainment, is examined in relation to two indicators— on-time graduation and postsecondary readiness—using data from EDFacts and the Current Population Survey (CPS). These indicators are based on recommendations in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) framework. The NASEM report notes that some of the recommended indicators have limitations. Currently, the Equity in Education Dashboard provides data based on published products. Because data in our published products do not always perfectly align with the recommended indicators in the NASEM report, we have indicated where our data differ from recommendations in the report. More findings will be added to the Equity in Education Dashboard over time. Specific to this domain, whereas the NASEM report measures postsecondary readiness with enrollment in college, entry into the workforce, and enlistment in the military, this domain uses immediate enrollment in college and neither enrolled in school nor working. Although these are imperfect measures of postsecondary readiness, immediate enrollment in college and being neither enrolled in school nor working still provide some insight into disparities in postsecondary readiness. Group differences in this domain are examined across the following educational equity dimensions: race/ethnicity, age group, sex, disability status, English learner status, and economically disadvantaged status, wherever the data allow.[7,8]

National Center for Education Statistics

What's unique about adult learners?

- Self-directed
- Seeking relevance
- Goal-oriented
- Wealth of experience
- Motivation to learn
- Time constraints
- Need to immediately apply learning
- Desire a supportive and collaborative learning environment

Characteristics of Adult Learners

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EBSCO LearningExpress

- Learning resources for grade 4-adults
- GED practice materials
- Resume and job letter builder
- Workforce development resources

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Home — Sign In/Register — Contact Us — Help

Welcome to LearningExpress Library™

Find Tests... books...

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Career Preparation — High School — College Admissions — Grades 4–8 Educator

2

EBSCO

Sign In/Register

Click Sign In/Register

3

Username: _____

Password: _____

Click Register

New User?

Register

Why do I have to register?

Forgot Password? — Login

4

New User Registration

Select Your Language: English / Español

Register as a new user below.

Your Institution is: Michigan eLibrary

If this is correct, please register below.
My institution is not listed here.

Already Registered?

Login

Why do I have to register?

Leave Institution as Michigan eLibrary and fill in the rest of the registration

✱ = Required Field

✱ Are you a European Union citizen? ○ Yes ● No

✱ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Your email address will be your username. Register without email.

✱ Email: _____

✱ Confirm Email: _____

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Your Password is secret. DO NOT use your real name or any personal information.

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In summary:

- EBSCO LearningExpress includes tutorials, microlessons, eBooks, flashcards, games, a resume and job letter builder, practice quizzes and tests for learners and job seekers

- Users must create an account to access the content (NOTE: Your Institution field should *always* be **Michigan eLibrary** when creating an account)

- Once an account is created, users can save content into My Center

- The SEARCH is powerful—if you can't find something, try the search

TIP: Advertise EBSCO LearningExpress using EBSCO's promotional information

Share EBSCO LearningExpress

Read It!

- Learning resources for young adults and adults
- Covers a wide variety of subjects
- Online full text version of articles includes read-aloud support

In summary:

- Read It! includes reading passages and comprehension quizzes
- Wide variety of included subjects including high-interest and academic topics
- Originally created for English Language Learners
- Can be search by Lexile level (field code LX)

TIP: use the reading passages to learn content while supporting reading comprehension
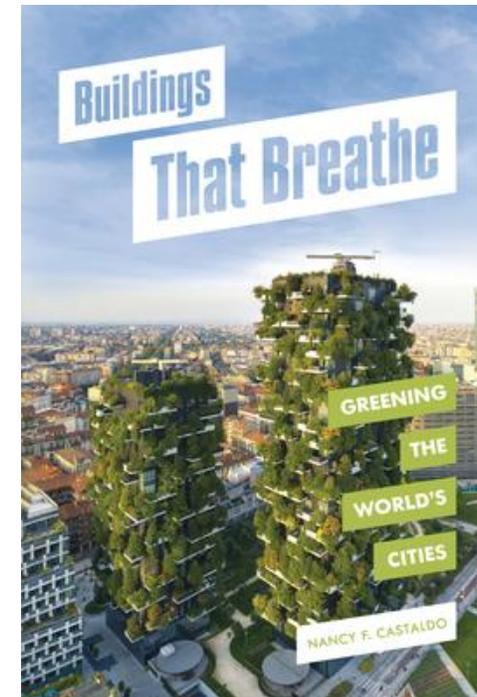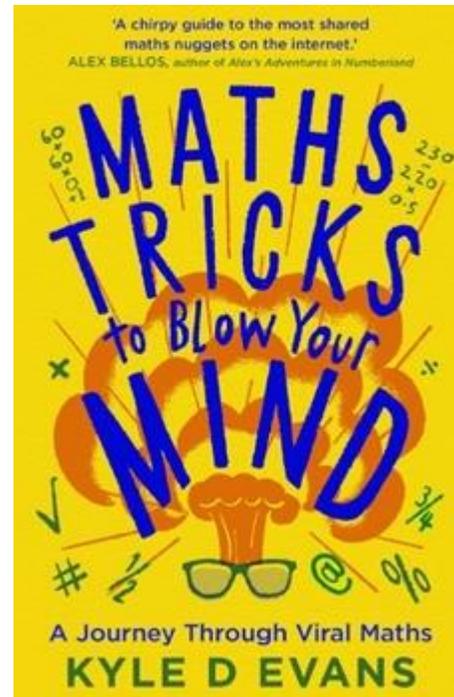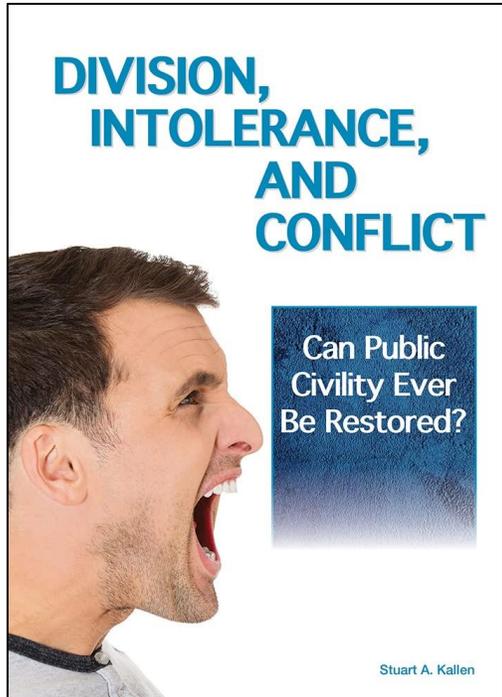
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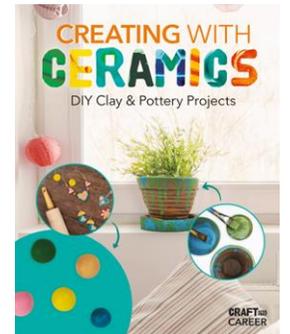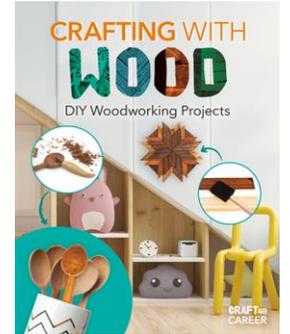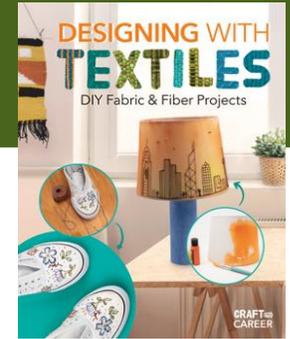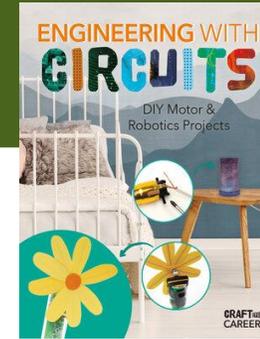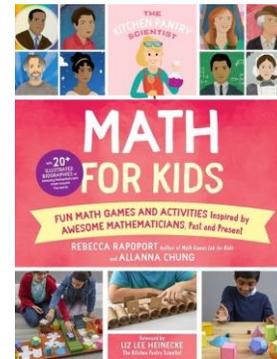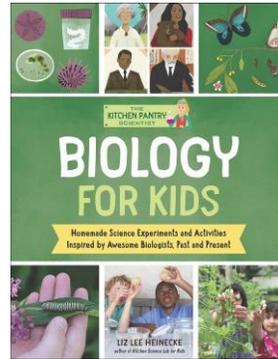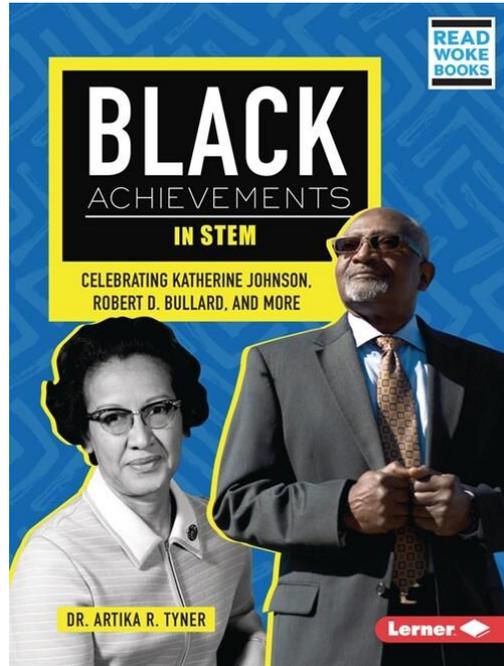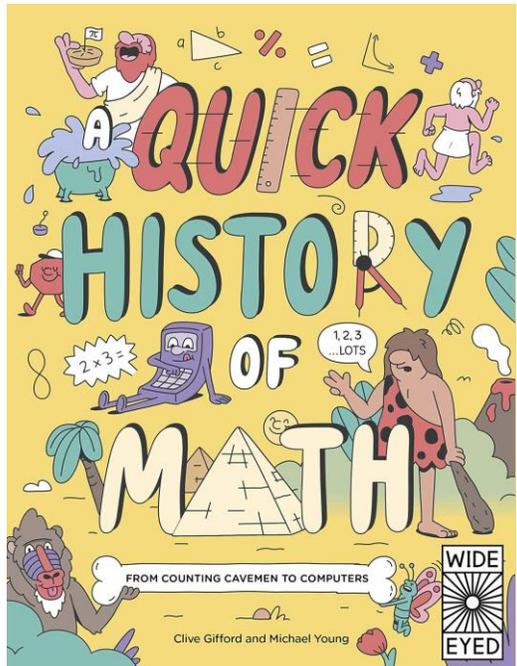
- Read 12,000+ EBSCO eBooks in a browser
- Fiction and nonfiction books—special focus on juvenile nonfiction
- Popular titles from series like "Big Nate" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" are included in both the K-8 and Public Library Collections
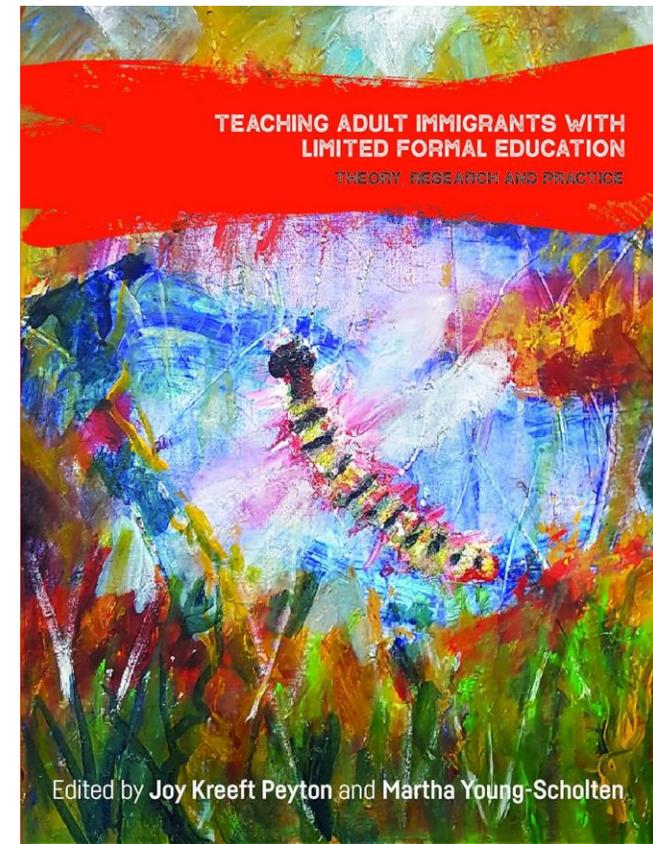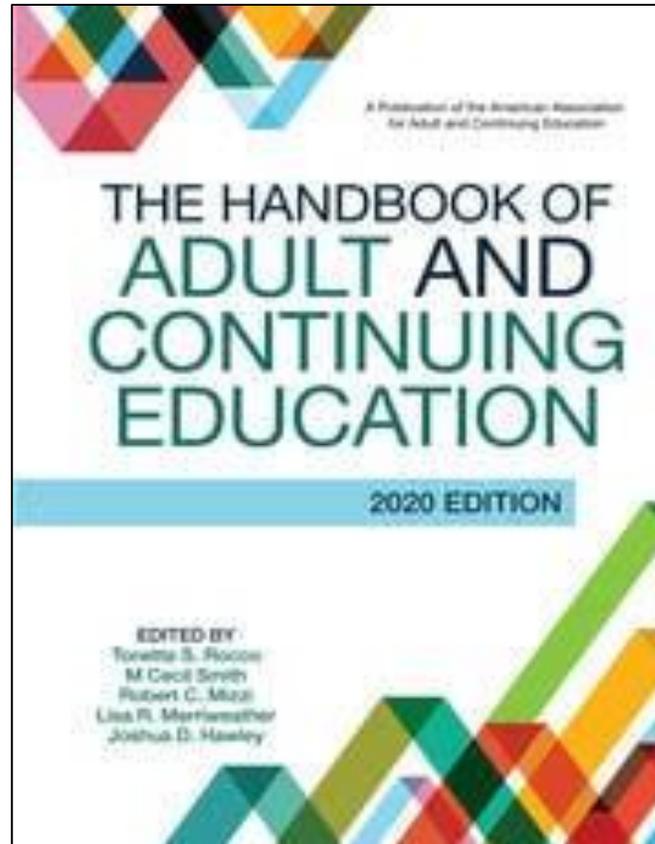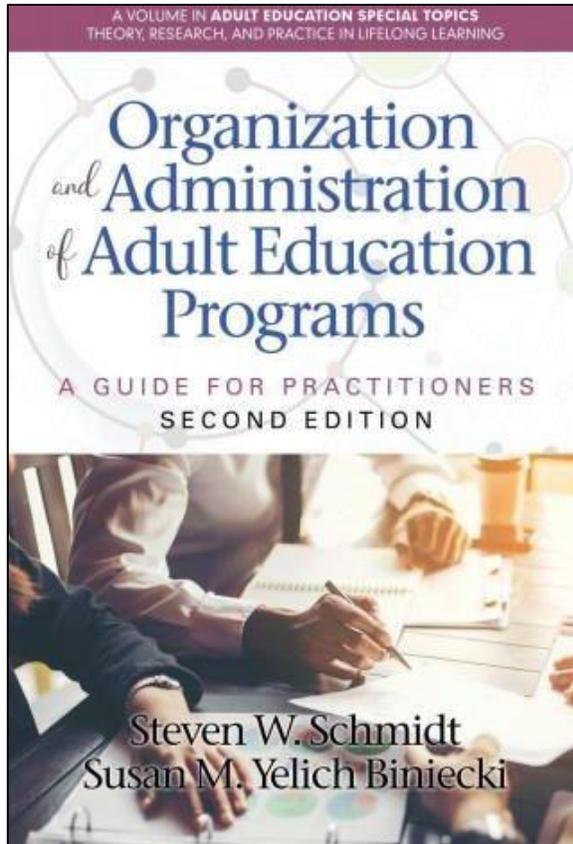
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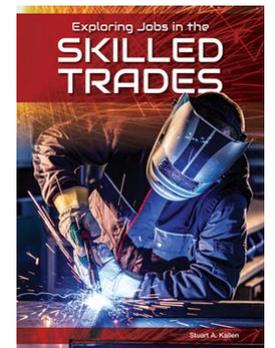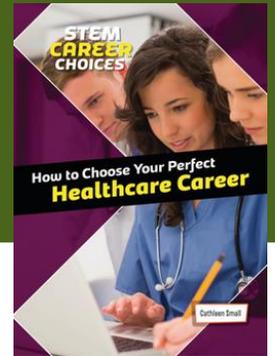
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eBook Academic Collection

- eBooks for practitioners/educators
- Professional books provide research and background for best practices
- Ideas to help create successful programs

In summary:

- EBSCO eBook Collections include fiction and nonfiction titles
- Collections can be searched by Lexile level (field code LX)
- Nonfiction titles feature careers, as well as titles focused on academics for social studies, science, and math
- Includes Hi-Lo books from publishers such as Orca and Saddleback
- Books can be read online, saved to your account, and downloaded to reader devices

TIP: most of the EBSCO eBooks are available with unlimited copies, so a whole class can read a book (or part of a book) at the same time

Education Source
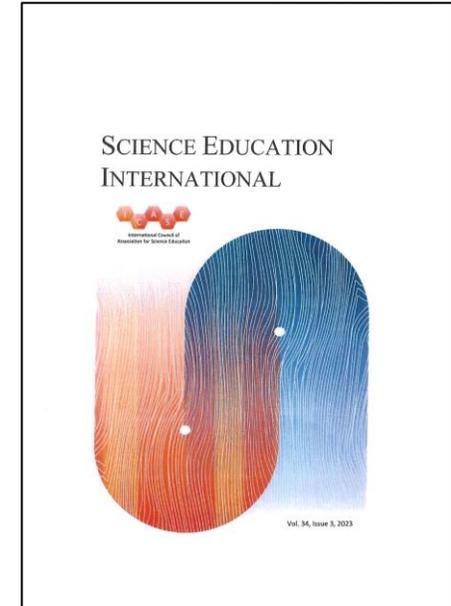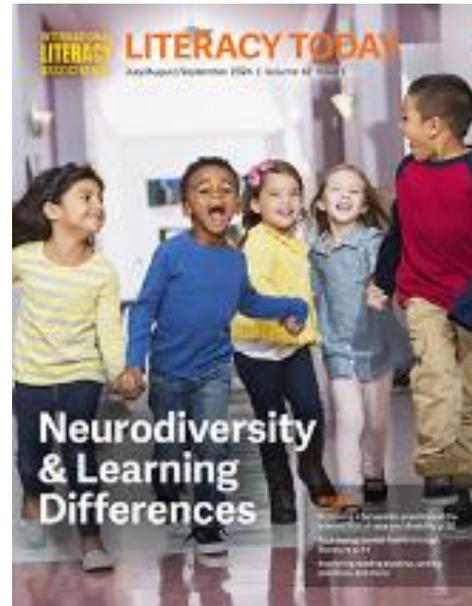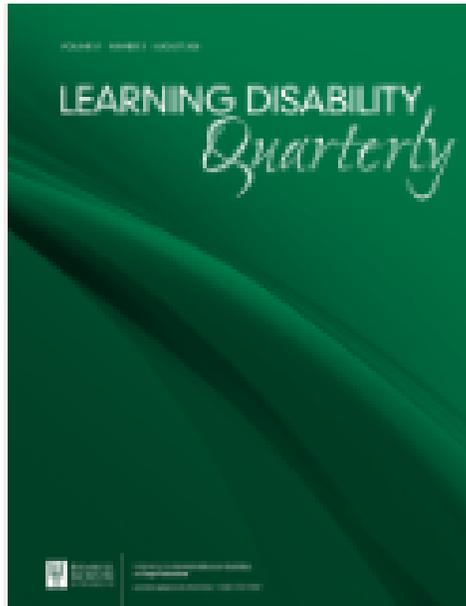
- Scholarly journals for educators
- Research on current topics of interest that can be used to back up funding/grant requests, collaborative programs, and curricular updates

Education Source

- Adult Education Quarterly
- Adult Learning
- Art Education
- COABE Journal
- Counseling Today
- Critical Education
- CTE Journal
- Curriculum Administrator
- Diverse Issues in Higher Education
- Education
- Education Canada
- Educational Leadership
- Information Today
- International Journal of Adult, Community, and Professional Learning, The

- Journal of Research & Practice for Adult Literacy, Secondary and Basic Edition
- Literacy Today
- Mathematics Enthusiast
- Mathematics Teaching
- Marketing Education Review
- Michigan Reading Journal
- Modern Age
- Monthly Labor Review
- Music Educators Journal
- PC World
- Phi Delta Kappan
- Radical Teacher
- Rethinking Schools

- School Administrator
- School Library Journal
- Science & Children
- Science Spin Teacher's Guides (All ages)
- Sport Journal
- Taboo: The Journal of Culture & Education
- TD: Talent Development
- Teach
- Teacher Education Quarterly
- Teachers & Writers

In summary:

- Education Source includes professional journal articles and studies to help educators learn more about what is happening in the field

TIP: use articles and studies to justify new programs, materials, and supplies

TIP: set a journal alert for a publication of interest and commit to reading it each time it is published

Programming Ideas

What program(s) could you offer to your community using the content in EBSCO LearningExpress?

Share the hi-lo with librarian who does adult literacy
Build a relationship with schools in your community to show the resource to the teachers
ESL conversation and reading groups
Tutoring for naturalization test (adult core skills—Cititzenship test, Read It! Civics)
Using the computer tutorial when a program is not available
Digital literacy program for adult learners—self-motivated to learn at home
Senior citizens re-entering the workforce—need skills!
Need FREE resources—not to pay for a resume
Job-searching—using the career resources to help with info, skills, etc
Hi-lo list for website!
Bilingual poster to let folks know about MeL as a resource
Homeschool parents as educators

How can public libraries help?

- Advertise and promote the MeL eResources that can help patrons attain a GED and other credentials

- Reach out to adult education providers to offer training and support in the use of the MeL eResources

- Staff a booth at local events to engage people who are not regular library users to help them learn what is available

- Network with school counselors to share MeL

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Earn your MeL Maven Badge at MeL.org

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How to MeL

MeL eResource

OFFICE HOURS

First Wednesday of each month 10-10:30 AM EST
via Zoom
Register: tinyurl.com/MeL-Office-Hours

- Monthly office hours live via Zoom
- Drop in and ask questions
- Learn more about MeL
- Meet others using the MeL eResources
- Get help and support

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