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# MLA Annual: Supporting Adult Learners in Your Community



# 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

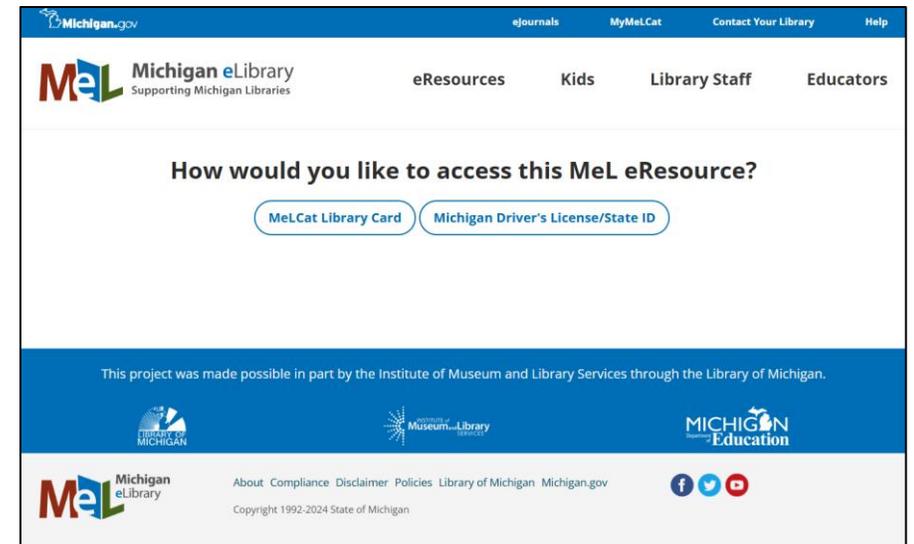


# How do I access MeL?

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

Geo-IP recognition anywhere in Michigan

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# Educational Attainment in Michigan (2022)

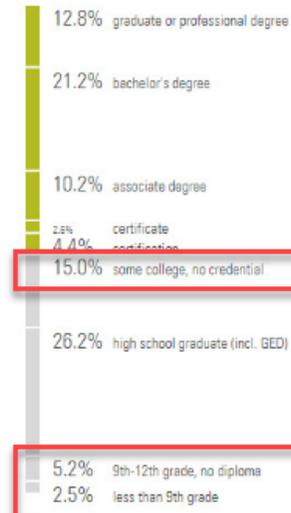
## Levels of Educational Attainment by Michigan as of 2022 (Lumina Foundation)

More information on the educational attainment of Michigan community college and university students can be found in the [College Degrees and Certificates Awarded report](#).

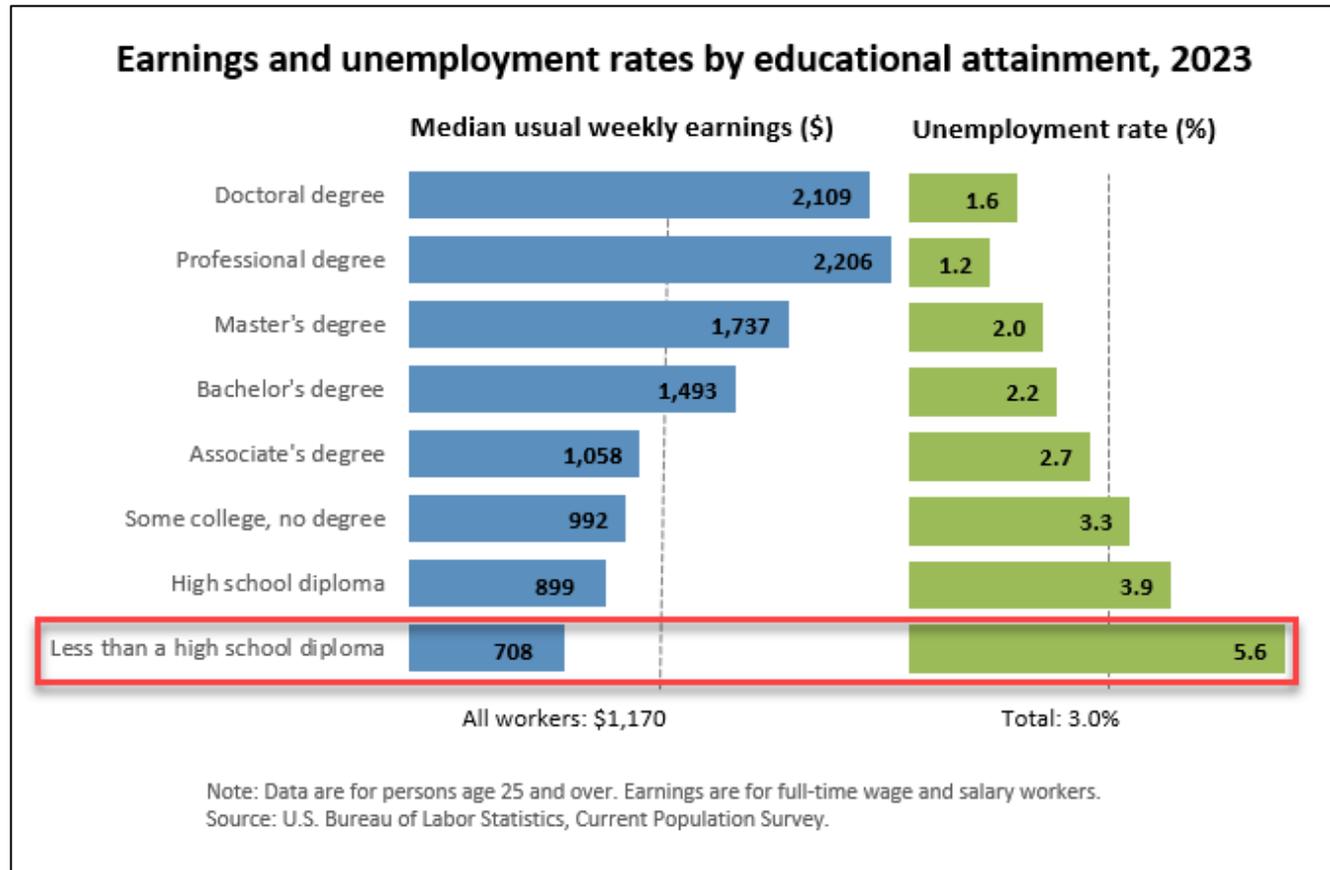
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# Impact of Educational Attainment on Income and Employment (2023)



["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<sup>2</sup> and better health outcomes.<sup>3,4</sup> In particular, those without a high school diploma tend to face more negative outcomes including higher rates of joblessness and incarceration.<sup>5,6</sup> 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.<sup>7,8</sup>

# What's unique about adult learners?

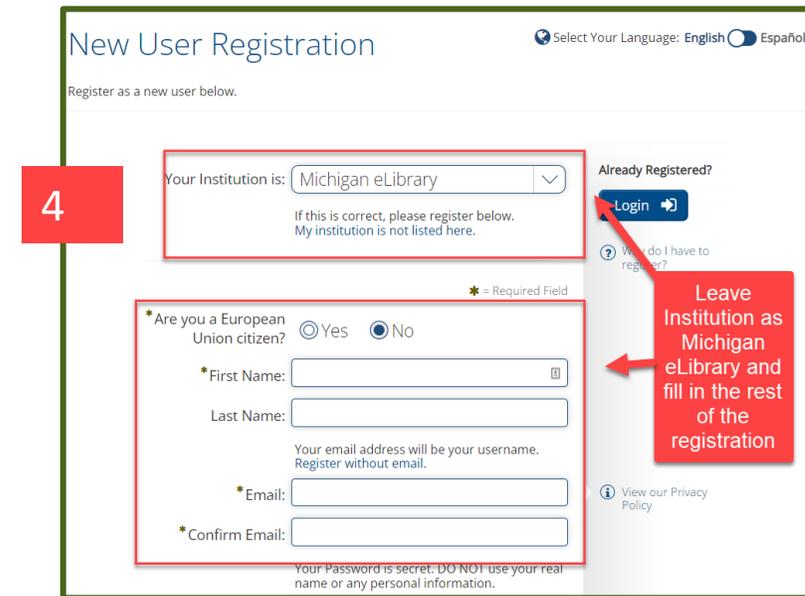
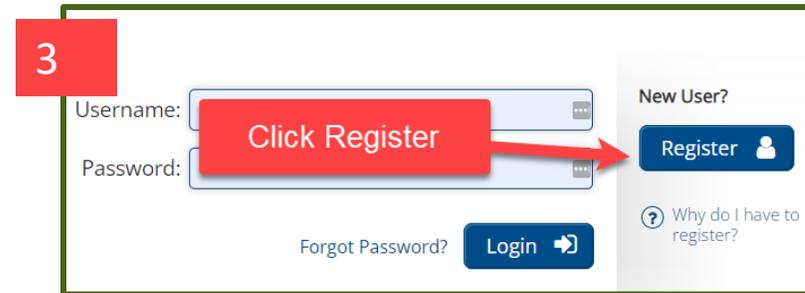
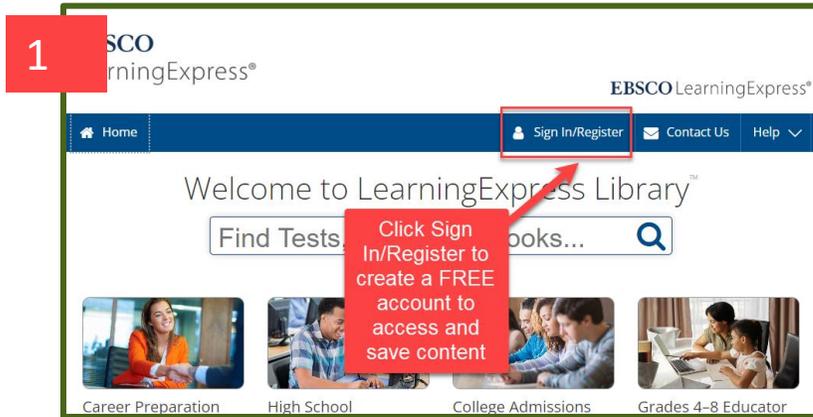
- Self-directed
- Seeking relevance
- Goal-oriented
- Wealth of experience
- Motivation to learn
- Time constraints
- Need to immediately apply learning
- Desire a supportive and collaborative learning environment

# EBSCO LearningExpress



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

# Create a FREE EBSCO LearningExpress Account



# 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](#)



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Improve your academic skills. Prepare for high-stakes tests. Explore colleges and careers.

LearningExpress Library Complete offers targeted learning centers — each with a collection of practice tests, tutorials, microlessons, e-books, articles and flashcards — to help you achieve your goals.



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Build your math, reading, writing, grammar and public speaking skills. You'll also find resources in English and Spanish to help you prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam.

**Basic Computer Skills**  
Learn the basics of using a computer, navigating the internet, and using popular Microsoft Office software programs such as Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word.

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**Prepare for College**  
Explore colleges, find scholarships, get help with writing college admissions essays, and prepare for important tests such as the AP®, ACT®, SAT® and more.

**Grade 4-8 Educator Resources**  
Supplement elementary and middle school instruction with curriculum-aligned materials in math, reading, writing and social studies.

**High School Students**  
Find resources to help you build classroom and homework skills in math, English language arts, social studies, science and technology.

**Recursos Para Hispanohablantes**  
Find Spanish-language resources to help you improve your academic skills and prepare for the GED® test.

**AWS Training Center**  
Develop your skills in a wide array of leading-edge technology topics and unlock new education and career opportunities.

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# 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



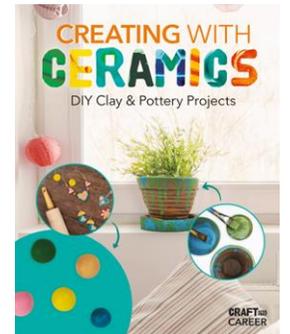
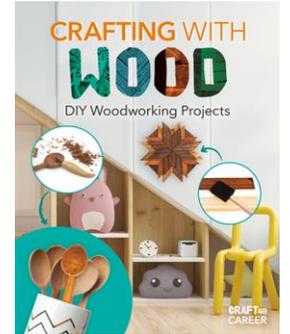
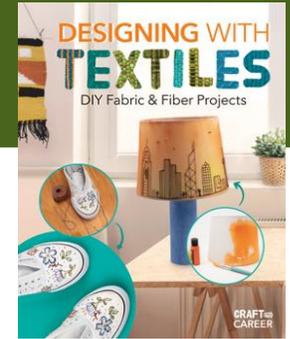
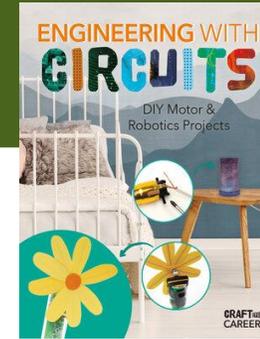
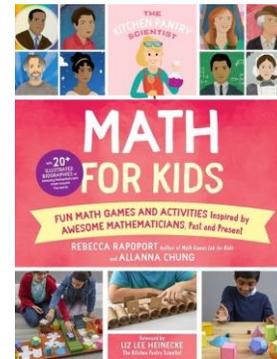
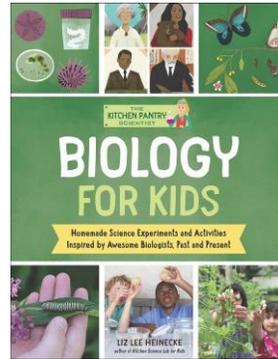
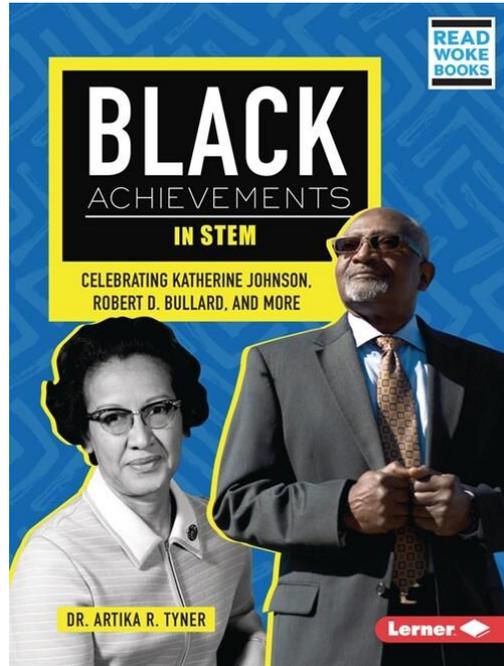
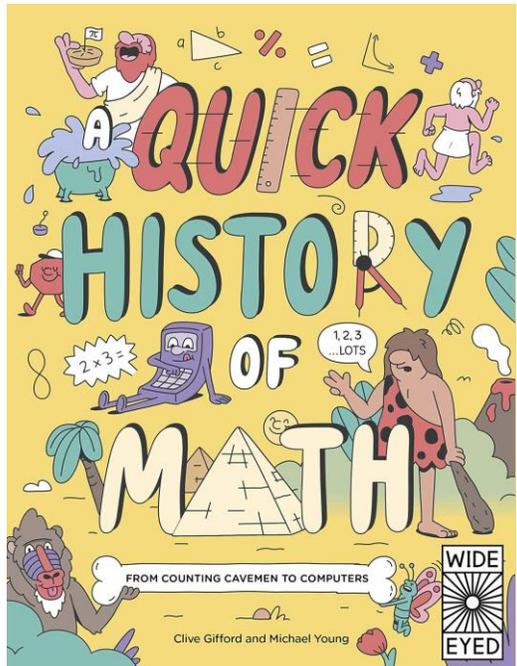
# In summary:

- 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



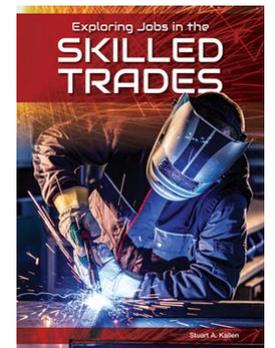
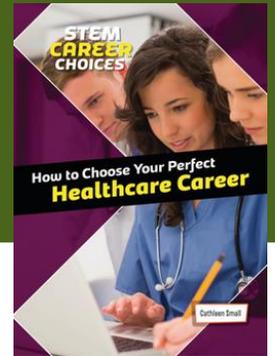
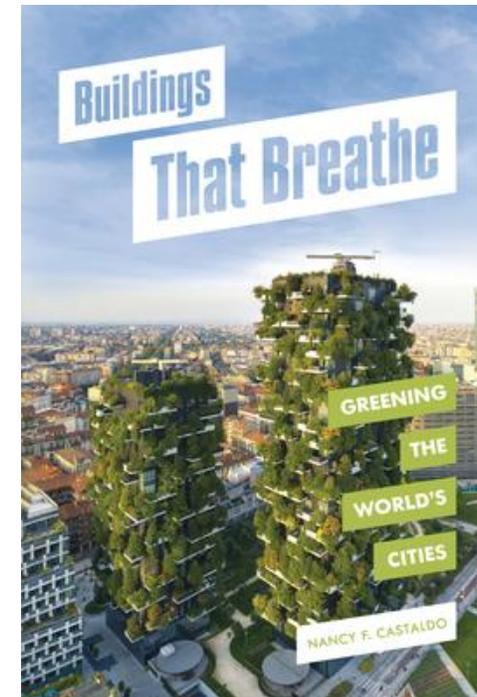
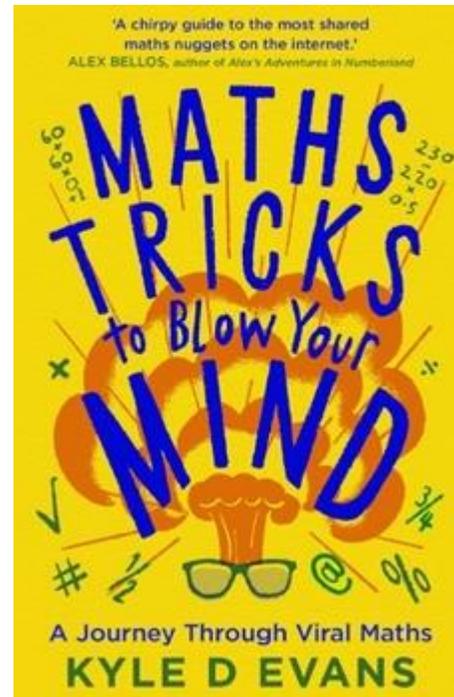
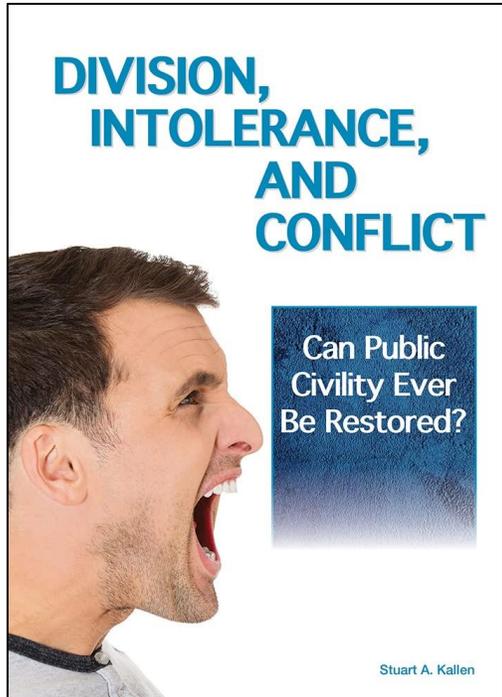
# eBook K-8 Collection



- 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

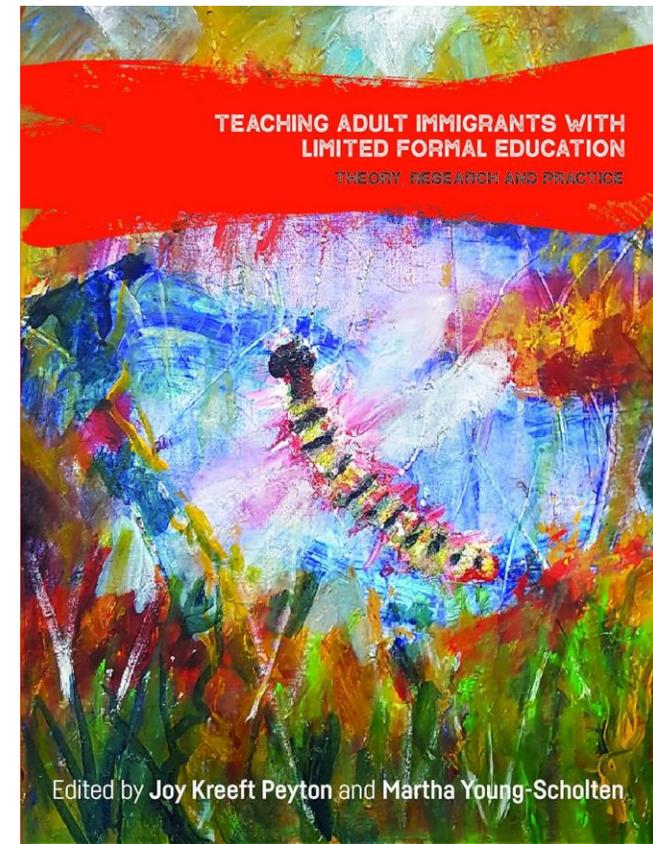
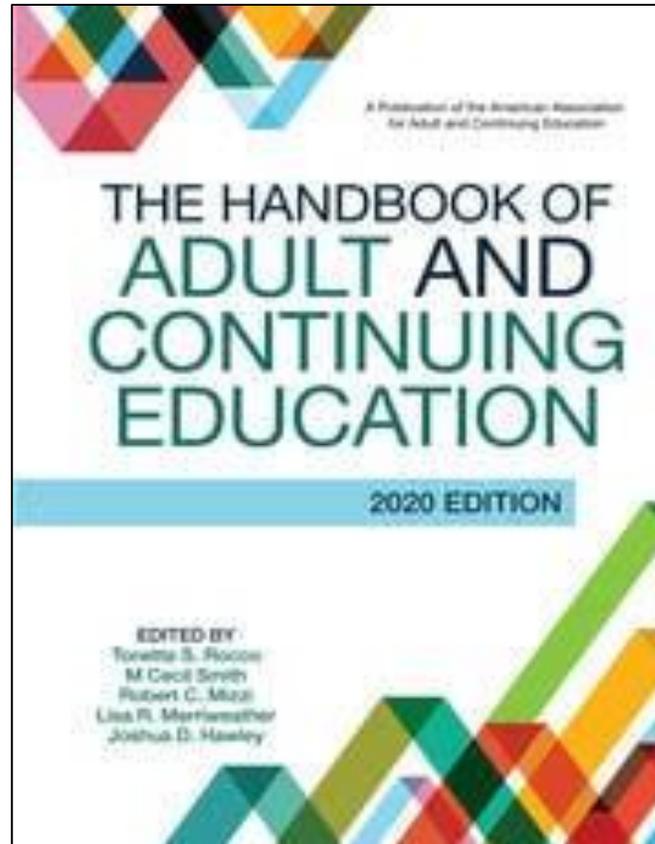
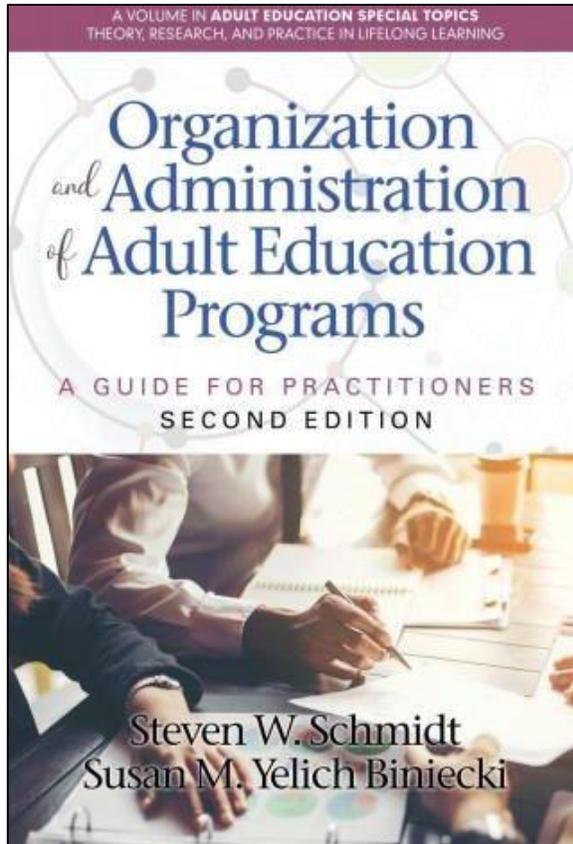


# eBook High School Collection



- Read 9,000+ EBSCO eBooks in a browser
- Includes hi-lo titles from publishers such as Saddleback and Orca
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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



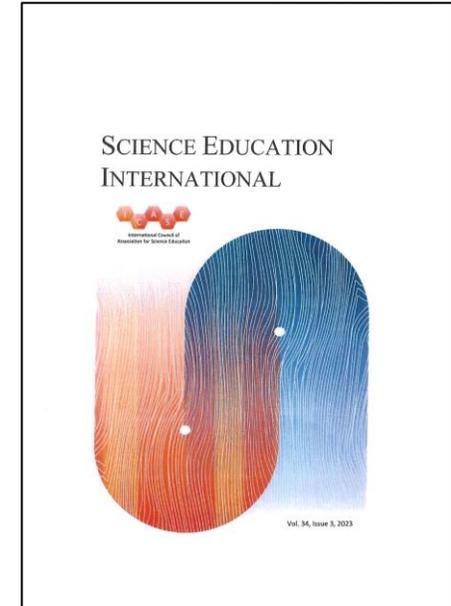
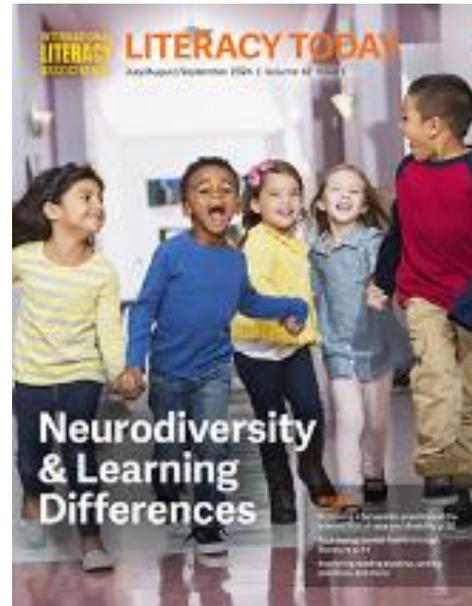
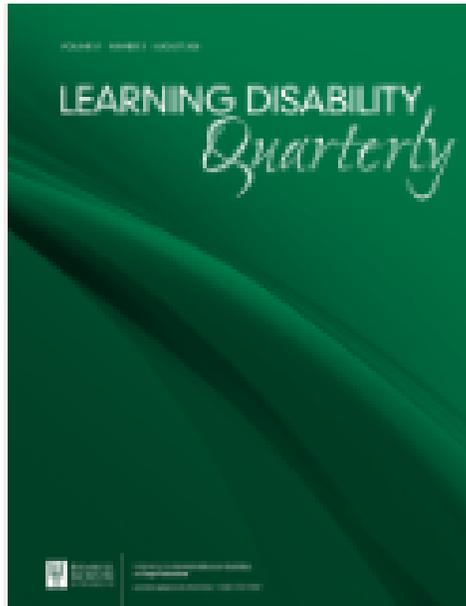
# In summary:

- 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

Small sample of  
current  
subscriptions

- 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—Citizenship 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



# Become a MeL Maven!

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# Join us for MeL Virtual Office Hours



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A blue rectangular graphic with a white border. At the top center is the 'How to MeL' logo. Below it, the text reads 'MeL eResource' and 'OFFICE HOURS' in large white letters. Further down, it says 'First Wednesday of each month 10-10:30 AM EST via Zoom' and 'Register: [tinyurl.com/MeL-Office-Hours](https://tinyurl.com/MeL-Office-Hours)'. At the bottom is a stylized illustration of a clock face with a red border and hands.

- 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

# Read the MeL Minute and eResource Expertise\*

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Using EBSCO LearningExpress from MeL to Support Learners and Job Seekers

Free Webinar for Michigan Public Library Staff

**WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024**

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The poster features a central illustration of a laptop screen displaying a video conference with six participants. Above the screen is the 'How to MeL' logo and the title of the webinar. Below the screen is the date and a small text line at the bottom.





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