

# Michigan eLibrary

On October 1st, the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL) debuted a new site. Before launch, the Library of Michigan used feedback from communities around the state and members who evaluated different databases before redesigning their resources. The Library of Michigan needed to balance the acquisition of database resources for MeL while continuing to provide services and support for the diverse Michigan library community.

Based on the best cost, evaluation scores, library community input and surveys, some databases were dropped, replaced and added. A decision was made to move to a more comprehensive suite of products from EBSCO that fit within the allocated budget while providing a number of enhancements.

Some of the specific highlights of EBSCO's offering include replacing Heritage Quest with MyHeritage which is EBSCO's genealogy resource. A NoveList upgrade included both Novelist K-8 and NoveList Plus which was one of the most requested resources. Learning Express Library was upgraded, a 200,000 eBook collection was added as well as a substantial business collection.

Some of EBSCO's new databases include the following:

Academic Search Complete

**AutoMate** 

**Biography Reference Center** 

eBook Collections

**Environment Complete** 

ERIC

**Health Source** 

Learning Express

Legal Source

Literary Reference Center

**MasterFile Complete** 

**Middle Search Plus** 

**Newspaper Source Plus** 

**NoveList Plus** 

**Political Science Complete** 

Psychology & Behavioral Sciences

**Databases still available through Mel:** Opposing Viewpoints, Demographics Now People and Business, Encyclopedia Britannica School, World Book, Learning Express Library and eBooks K-8.



# **Meet Libby to Download Books**

The Overdrive Company is promoting their new app Libby yet still supporting the Overdrive app. Eventually, the Overdrive app will be phased out.

The process for checking out books and placing holds is basically the same across both platforms. One of the key differences is that if you have a title on hold, Libby will automatically download the book once it becomes available. This is especially helpful if you use more than one library. In Overdrive, you have to go to that particular library and manually download checked out holds.

Users owning Kindle Fires should use Overdrive

because Libby is not yet compatible with them.

The reading experience is only a little different between the two apps. Libby looks a little slicker and has a scale along the bottom to show where you are in the book. The settings are in slightly different places, but both share the same suite of fonts, lighting settings and



the ability to change the font size so you can read comfortably.

While Libby and Overdrive both tell you where you are in the hold line, Libby can estimate hold wait times. Libby is not yet multilingual, you cannot create a wish list or suggest a purchase. Libby will eventually offer these options at a future date.

It is up to the patron to use the app that will work best for them. While Libby does lack certain features, most agree that it is more user friendly and it is extremely easy to set up an account.

If you have any questions, please ask a staff member.

## Do we have your email?

Does the Library have your email address? By providing this information, you will be notified when you have items ready for pick-up and reminders that due dates are coming up, items are overdue or that your library card needs renewal.

In addition, by providing your email address, you can get our monthly eNewsletter and quarterly Parent

Connection newsletter. Also, when the library has important news to share or a program they want to highlight, you will receive an email.



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### Did You Know???

- The Library has an app.
- We are open on Sundays October
  April from 1 p.m. 5 p.m.
- We accept debit/credit to pay for fines with a \$2.50 convenience fee.
- We circulate video games.
- We offer photocopying and faxing
- We offer notary service and appointments are encouraged.
- We offer downloadable books in eBook and audio formats.
- We accept book donations year round. Visit our website or call about guidelines.
- You can register yourself for programs online by visiting the calendar section of our website.
- The Library offers homebound services. Call for information.