

At the Library

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Study in comfort at the Mott Library.

Online Resources (Library Databases) vs. Internet Sites



▶ What is the difference between the Mott Library's Online Resources and Internet sites. Here is an overview of the two.

Library Databases (www.library.mcc.edu, Choose "Online Resources")

Databases are journals, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and other reliable resources in an electronic form rather than print. The Mott Library subscribes to a number of databases containing many full-text articles. Most instructors recognize that library databases are different (**and more reliable**) than sources from the Internet.

Examples of these Online Database resources include an article from *Business Week* that was located on **General Reference Center Gold** or an article from *The Detroit News* that was found on **Michigan Newspapers**. General Reference Center Gold and Michigan Newspapers are two of the databases found within the Mott Library's Online Resources. These online articles include the full-text found in the printed source, often including pictures, charts, and graphs.

Internet sites

Anyone can publish anything on the Internet, resulting in entertainment, commercial, and personal sites that may not be appropriate resources for an academic research paper. Here are some quick guidelines you can use to check the accuracy of a web site:

- ◆ **Is the author of the web site noted?** Is there a specific individual or a sponsoring organization? Does the author establish his/her authority in order to show qualification to discuss the content of the site?
- ◆ **Is the information timely?** When was the web site created? When was it last updated? Are all the links still active?
- ◆ **Is the information presented in an organized, well thought-out manner?** Is it easy to read and understand? Does the web site attribute its sources?

Get On-line Resources at www.library.mcc.edu

HELP!

at home

Research Help Now is a virtual, online reference service provided by librarians from 16 academic libraries in the state of Michigan, including MCC.

Check it out. Go to our website, www.library.mcc.edu and click on the icon below:



Clicking on **Research Help Now** will connect you in real time to a professional Michigan College Librarian. Ask a question using live chat, and view web pages and online articles together with a librarian. Learn how to do library research one-on-one with the help of an expert!

Mott Library Hours Winter Semester

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Exceptions

Monday, Jan. 15—**Closed**
ML King, Jr. Holiday

M-F, March 12-16—**8-5**
Spring Break Week

Sunday, April 8—**Closed**

Sat. & Sun., May 5 & 6—**Closed**

Have you met



Once you get to know MeLCat you'll never be the same again.


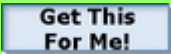
How's that!?!

Beginning January 16, 2007, Mott students, faculty and staff may request materials held by academic, public, even school libraries across Michigan that have joined MeLCat. Requested items will be delivered to the Mott Library for you to pick up.

It's quick and easy to use



Show me!

- ◆ Look for the  link or logo on the Mott Library home page or search MeLCat from its website www.mel.org.
- ◆ Choose MeLCat.
- ◆ Follow the "Quick MeLCat Search" screen for books, books on tape/CD/DVD, music, magazines and more.
- ◆ Identify an item, click 
- ◆ Choose the Mott Library as your library account from the pull-down menu and submit the above information.
- ◆ Fill in your name and 14-digit Mott barcode (found in the lower right corner of your Mott ID), select Main Campus or Southern Lakes pickup location and submit your request.

The staff at the Mott Library will phone or email you when the item has arrived, usually within a week. Check out will be 3 weeks for most items and renewals may be possible.

That's it?

It's easy; it's fun. It's the perfect opportunity for you to find items beyond the scope of our collection.

Don't forget to check our collection first! MeLCat won't let you request anything available here. Librarian initiated interlibrary loan for hard to identify items and periodical articles is still available, just as it always has been.

We know this new service works for many library users across Michigan already. It will widen library resources available to you to another dimension. Try it; you'll like it.

Questions?

Call Linda Rutherford, the ILL librarian, at 762-5124, or Martha Lewis at 762-0402 with any questions.