

## The Michigan eLibrary (MeL) Achieves One Million Requests

Emeryville, CA—In December 2010, the Michigan eLibrary's online catalog, MeLCat, reached a new milestone by handling more than one million user requests in a single calendar year. Driven by Innovative Interface's direct consortial borrowing system, MeLCat allows users to order from more than 43 million items in the catalog ranging from books, audio books, music, movies and more, which can be delivered to participating libraries. MeLCat is the first INN-Reach system to handle more than one million requests in a single calendar year.

Tom Jacobson, Director of Strategic Accounts, North America for Innovative Interfaces says: "We are very proud of our success with the Library of Michigan in reaching this milestone. The ability for INN-Reach to scale and MeLCat's phenomenal growth underscores the architecture and philosophy that are key to INN-Reach. We look forward to continued success with our Michigan partners."

Since going live in 2005, the Michigan eLibrary has grown to over 400 libraries with new libraries continuing to join. INN-Reach allows MeL to connect its disparate members and their various library systems into a state-sharing network by providing libraries with real-time, patron-initiated requesting and the ability to streamline resource sharing between libraries of all types and sizes.

"Our world is driven more and more by online services and applications," says State Superintendent of Instruction Mike Flanagan. "MeLCat is responding to this shift as an extraordinary resource for Michigan libraries."

### About The Michigan eLibrary

The Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>) is a long standing project of the Library of Michigan, an agency of the Michigan Department of Education. MeL is supported by federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, enhancing library service to all residents of the state of Michigan contracts with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services and partners with a number of other organizations and institutions to provide the MeL service. MeL provides all Michigan residents with no cost access to online full-text articles, full-text books, digital images, and other valuable research information at any time; and provides an easy-to-use interlibrary loan system to allow Michigan residents to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries.

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#### About Innovative Interfaces

Innovative Interfaces ([www.iii.com](http://www.iii.com)) dedicates its energies to meet the needs of libraries and the challenges of library automation. The company fulfills this mission with first-rate services and products such as the Miller integrated library platform, INN-Reach resource sharing, Electronic Reserve Management, and the Encore discovery services platform. Today, libraries of all types in over 50 countries rely on Innovative's products and support. The company is located in Emeryville, California with offices around the world.