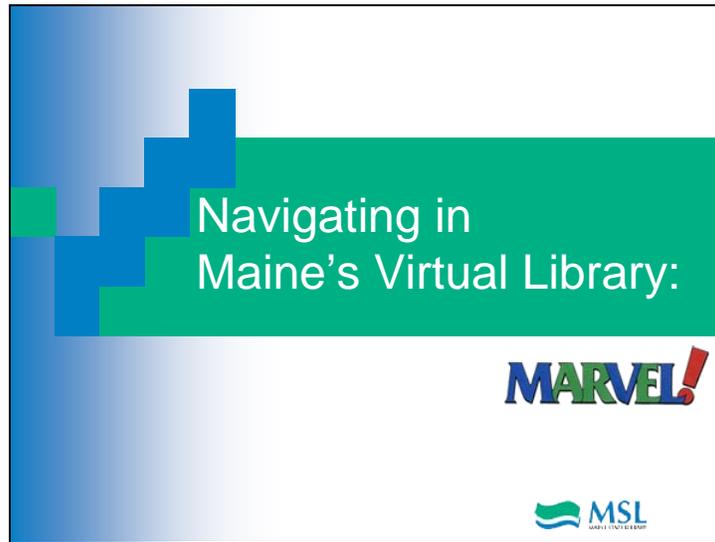Slide 1

Welcome to the second tutorial in the Maine State Library series Exploring Marvel! Maine's Virtual Library.

Slide 2

In the first tutorial, Introduction to MARVEL!: Maine's Virtual Library we learned that MARVEL! provides every resident of Maine access to abstracts and full text articles from magazines, newspapers, journals and reference books that are credible, reputable sources. There is something for everyone in this resource from grade school through college and into working life. In this second short tutorial, we'll learn how to navigate in MARVEL!

To access MARVEL! from home, type in the URL shown on the screen: http://www.maine.gov/marvel.

Slide 3

The first tutorial "Introduction to Maine's Virtual Library" covered setting up your account for home use. So, let's log in with either your library card number or your account.

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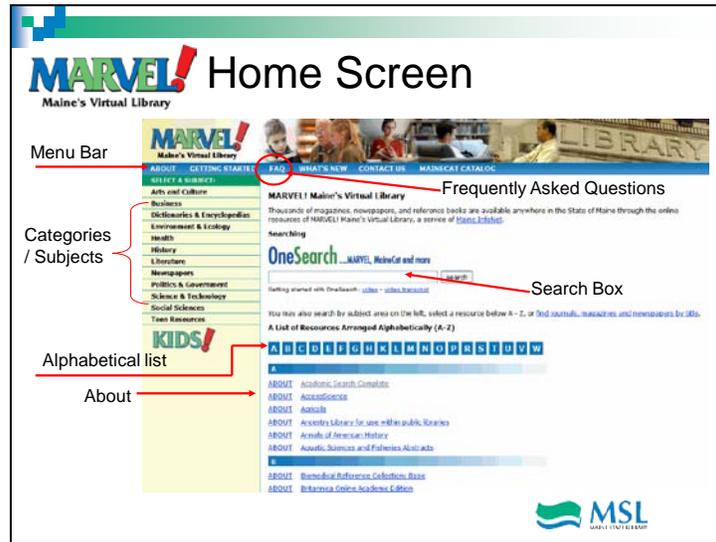
This is MARVEL!'s home screen. In the blue menu bar underneath the MARVEL! logo, you'll find helpful links about the resource, frequently asked questions about using the databases and ways to contact the people who administer the resource. The left hand navigation bar groups the individual databases into broad subject areas. If you already know the name of the database you'd like to search, you can use the alphabetical list by clicking on the letter or scrolling down the list until you find the one you're looking for. You can find out more about the particular database by clicking on 'About' next to the database's name.

Finally, there is a search box called OneSearch. This feature allows you to search across all the databases in MARVEL! as well as 100 Maine library catalogs and the images in the Maine Memory Network. We'll talk more about using OneSearch and other search options in later tutorials.

Slide 5

The next tutorial will show you how to find information using MARVEL.