Navigating in
Maine's Virtual Library:

MARVEL!

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

Recap of MARVEL!
Maine's Virtual Library

- Online collection of full text articles from magazines and newspapers in different databases from several providers

- **Free** to all Maine citizens

- Access in any library or school or from home with a free account
  (http://www.maine.gov/marvel)

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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.

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.

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.

The search box allows you to search across all the databases in MARVEL! as well as some Maine library catalogs and the images in the Maine Memory Network. We'll talk more about search options in later tutorials.

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