

Welcome to the Maine State Library's third tutorial in the Exploring MARVEL! series. In this module, we'll explore ways to find information using the online resources available in MARVEL.


Log in to **MARVEL!** Maine's Virtual Library

<http://www.maine.gov/marvel>

MARVEL! Login with Library Barcode

You may log in to access MARVEL! databases by using your last name and library barcode **ONLY** if it is from one of the [Minerva libraries](#), [URSUS libraries](#) or [from Portland Public Library](#).

Last Name :	<input type="text"/>
Library barcode :	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Log in with barcode"/>	

 [Can I use my library barcode to login?](#)

MARVEL! Username Login

Marvel is available to all Maine residents. If you **do not** have a library barcode from a Minerva library, URSUS library or from Portland Public Library, please create an account (see [New User](#) below) and use the login below.

Username :	<input type="text"/>
Password :	<input type="password"/>
<input type="button" value="Log in with password"/>	

New User? [Register here.](#)
[Forgot your password?](#)
[Edit my account](#)



Log in using either your library card number or your account.

MARVEL! Home Screen
Maine's Virtual Library

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- Science & Technology
- Social Sciences
- Teen Resources
- KIDS!**

MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library
Thousands of magazines, newspapers, and reference books are available anywhere in the State of Maine through the online resources of MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library, a service of [Maine InfoNet](#).

Search MARVEL! | Journal Finder

Keyword Search

Full-Text (online) Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) [Advanced Search](#)

A List of Resources Arranged Alphabetically (A-Z)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W

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- [ABOUT Academic Search Complete](#)
- [ABOUT Access@Science](#)
- [ABOUT Ancestry](#)
- [ABOUT AHA's Consumer Medication Information](#)
- [ABOUT American FactFinder - US Census](#)
- [ABOUT Ancestry Libraries for use within public libraries](#)
- [ABOUT Annals of American History](#)
- [ABOUT Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts](#)

Subjects

Here we are at MARVEL!’s home screen. You have several options for finding information here. One method is to use the subject breakdown on the left side of the screen. Clicking on one of these broad subject areas takes you to a selection of the databases that contain information in that area. For example, if we click on Health....

Health Subject Area

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Science & Technology

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Health

ABOUT Academic Search Complete

ABOUT AHFS Consumer Medication Information

ABOUT Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic

ABOUT Britannica Online Academic Edition

ABOUT EBSCOhost Ebook Collection

ABOUT FSTA: Food Science & Technology Abstracts

ABOUT Health Source: Consumer Edition

ABOUT Health Source: Nursing & Academic Edition

ABOUT MasterFILE Premier

ABOUT MEDLINE

ABOUT Nursing & Allied Health Collection: Basic

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Click on "About" for a description of the database

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These are the databases containing information on health topics. Because MARVEL! is a resource for all education levels, from kindergarten through college and beyond, there are many specialized databases included in the selections. The trick for you is identifying one or two that will be most helpful. One way to do that is to click on the About link next to each database's title. The description will tell you a little about the kind of information in each database and also something about the intended audience. You can sometimes get an idea of the intended audience from the database title. For example, Health Source – Consumer Edition lets you know that the information contained is written for the consumer not for medical professionals. Once you've decided what database to use, just click on the database title and you'll go to a screen where you can type in what you're looking for. Other tutorials in this series will cover in more depth using specific databases to find information.

Using the Search Box

The screenshot shows the MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library website. The search box is highlighted with a red oval and labeled '1'. The search button is labeled '2'. The 'Advanced Search' link is labeled '3'. The search results are displayed as a list of resources arranged alphabetically (A-Z). The first few results are: Academic Search Complete, Access@Maine, Artika, NIH's Consumer Medication Information, American Family - US Census, Access@Libraries for use within public libraries, Annals of Anatomy and History, and Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts. A red arrow points to the first result with the text 'Click on title to search specific database'. The MSU logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Another way to find information is to use the search box which allows you search all the resources available in MARVEL! at once as well as MaineCat, the statewide library catalog. It's kind of like Google for our Marvel resources. And, like Google, you'll get a lot of results that you'll then have to evaluate. Just type in your keywords and select the Search button.

You can also choose to search an individual database just by clicking on the title. We'll explore some of the individual databases in other tutorials.

There are 3 options for limiting the number of results you get back from a keyword search. You can choose to search for only Full Text articles which means you can download, print or email the entire article from a magazine. This feature is labeled 1 in the screen shot. You can also limit your search to scholarly articles or books which are more academic in nature than popular magazines. This is labeled 2 above. The Advanced Search option, labeled 3, allows you to search for a specific journal title, dates and languages.

Next Steps – Individual Databases

The screenshot displays the MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for ABOUT, GETTING STARTED, FAQ, WHAT'S NEW, CONTACT US, and MAINCAT CATALOG. Below this is a sidebar menu with categories such as Arts and Culture, Business, Dictionaries & Encyclopedias, Environment & Ecology, Health, History, Literature, Newspapers, Politics & Government, Science & Technology, Social Sciences, and Teen Resources. The main content area features a search bar with a 'Search MARVEL!' button and a 'Journal Finder' link. Below the search bar, there are checkboxes for 'Full-Text (online)' and 'Scholarly (Peer Reviewed)', along with a link to 'Advanced Search'. A section titled 'A List of Resources Arranged Alphabetically (A-Z)' is visible, with a navigation bar for letters A through W. The letter 'A' is currently selected, and a list of resources is displayed below it, including 'Academic Search Complete', 'AccessScience', 'Ancestry', 'AniFi's Consumer Medication Information', 'American FactFinder - US Census', 'Ancestry Library for use within public libraries', 'Annals of American History', and 'Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts'.



The next tutorials in the series will explore individual resources in more depth including the kinds of information you'll find, more in-depth searching techniques, and saving, printing or emailing what you find.