

Advanced Searching on the WWW Sites & Tools

Here is a list of good places to start searching for topics on the World Wide Web. Also check out the PC Center's web page at www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/pccenter/links.html for more links.

To Open One of These Web Sites:

1. Double-click on the *Internet Explorer* icon to start access to the WWW.
2. Put the mouse pointer in the *Address Bar*. When the mouse pointer becomes an "I", click once. This will highlight the current URL or web address.
3. Type in the address for the web site you want to visit. The address is the second line of the places listed below. Be careful not to make any typos. You must be exact as though you were dialing a phone number.
4. Press the *Enter* key on the keyboard. This sends the computer on its way!

Subject Directories:

Yahoo!
dir.yahoo.com

Open Directory
www.dmoz.org

Excite
www.excite.com

About
www.about.com

Look Smart
www.looksmart.com

Search Engines:

All the Web
www.alltheweb.com

Alta Vista
www.altavista.com

Google
www.google.com

Wisnut
www.wisenut.com

Ask.com
www.ask.com

Lycos
www.lycos.com

Microsoft Network
www.msn.com

Entire Web
www.entireweb.com

Meta-Search Engines:

Ixquick
www.ixquick.com

Metor
www.metor.com

Profusion
www.profusion.com

Metacrawler
www.metacrawler.com

Remember to check the Help page for each web site for more search tips!

Gateways:

Academic Information
www.academicinfo.net

Infomine
infomine.ucr.edu

Internet Public Library
www.ipl.org

Librarian's Index to the Internet
www.lii.org

PINAKES
www.hw.ac.uk/libWWW/irn/pinakes/pinakes.html

WWW Virtual Library
www.vlib.org

Subject Specific Databases:

Internet Movie Database
Movie and Actor Information
www.imdb.com

Motley Fool
Personal Investment Information
www.fool.com

PsychCrawler
Psychology Information Search
www.psychcrawler.com

Web MD
Health and Medical Information
www.webmd.com

USA Jobs
Job Search and Career Information
www.usajobs.opm.gov

ArtCyclopedia
Art Information
www.artcyclopedia.com

Kelley Blue Book
Used Car Values
www.kbb.com

My Simon
Comparison Shopper
www.mysimon.com

Roller Coaster Database
Roller Coaster Information
www.rcdb.com

Educator's Reference Desk
Education Information
www.eduref.org

Musical America
Music Industry Information
www.musicalamerica.com
Carnegie Library Kid's Page
Links to Good Web Sites for Kids
www.carnegielibrary.org/kids

Remember to Try the Advanced Search Tools:

Phrase Searching – Search for keywords in an exact order, usually uses quotation marks around the phrase. *Example:* “Three Rivers Stadium”

Boolean Operators – Use the words AND, OR, & NOT to combine keywords to narrow or broaden the search. *Example:* Pittsburgh AND penguins

Wildcard Characters – Search for all forms of a root word, usually uses the * or ? symbols. *Example:* class*

Proximity Operators – Uses the terms NEAR and ADJ to find keywords close to each other. *Example:* education NEAR reform