



Welcome to the Internet

Central Library Tech Center
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

What is the Internet?

- The internet is a collection of computers all over the world, connected electronically by telecommunication lines in order to share and exchange information.

What can I do on the Internet?

- While connected to the internet you can access electronic resources such as informational websites, email, shopping websites, file sharing, online videos, music, etc. The collection of these electronic resources is commonly known as the World Wide Web.



How do I get Internet access at home?

- The internet is not free: you must pay a subscription fee to gain access.
- However, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library provides free internet access for library card members.
- (The Library pays the subscription fee for you) If you don't have a library card, you may purchase a guest pass (\$1.00). Good for two hours of computer use.
- For Home Service, you will need to pay a monthly service fee to an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

~ (ISP) Internet Service Providers are companies that provide access to the internet. They charge for internet access because they ultimately build and maintain the telecommunication systems that deliver the internet.

(Phone lines, Cable Lines, Fiber Optic Lines)

- AOL
- WOW; formerly SIGECOM
- INSIGHT
- AT&T
- NETZERO

[For a complete list of Internet Service Providers, visit www.thelist.com]

How do I get on-line?

- To begin your internet journey, double-click your internet browser.
- Internet Browsers are programs that allow you to navigate or “surf” the web.
- Here at the Evansville Library we use **Internet Explorer**. Other internet browsers include Netscape, Firefox, and Opera. While at the library though, double-click on the following icon

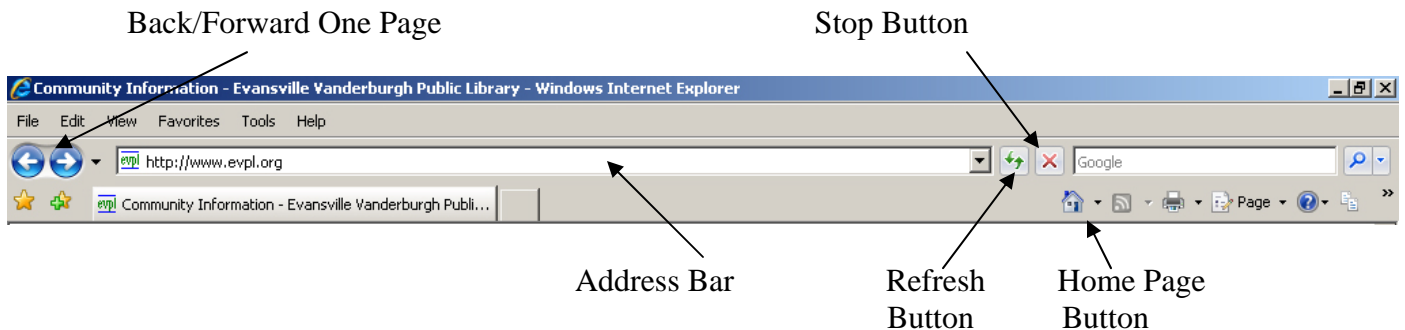


- After double clicking the icon, you will be connected to the internet. The first page you see is the Homepage. [On your home computers, you can change your homepage to be whatever site you want.]

Using Internet Explorer to “Surf” the internet.



= LINKS to other Pages



Typing a valid web address:

Two Common Mistakes:

1. Typing in a comma instead of a period.
2. Putting spaces in between characters. (Don't use SPACE'S)

www.cnn.com

(Found on the World Wide Web)

(Usually at this organization's name or title)

(With this type of site)

Different Types of Sites:

- .com (mainly commercial use) (most used type)
- .org (mainly used by non-profit organizations)
- .edu (used by educational institutions)
- .gov (U.S. Federal Government sites)

How do I find Websites when I don't know the address?

You can use search engines to find addresses and sites located on the World Wide Web. Google (www.google.com) and Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) are two of the most used web search engines.



Adding sites to your "Favorites":

You can use this feature of Internet Explorer to save web addresses for future reference.



Printing from the Web

Because of the way some web pages are constructed, simply clicking on "Print" may not get you the information you want. To make sure you print only the part of the page that you need, select the text and/or graphics by positioning the cursor at the beginning of the section, holding down the left mouse button, and dragging the mouse to highlight the material. Release the left mouse button, and the material should stay highlighted. Click on "File" in the upper left of your screen; choose the "Print" option. The printing options will appear; under the [Page Range] section, choose the button labeled "Selection". Now click the "Print" button. This is the best technique to use when you only want to print a certain part of a web page.

Web addresses are everywhere!

Billboards, TV commercials, Magazines, Newspapers; Everywhere. Here are some examples of very popular web addresses you might want to visit:

Shopping:

- www.amazon.com
- www.barnesandnoble.com
- www.ebay.com
- www.walmart.com

News:

- www.cnn.com
- www.msnbc.com

Maps:

- www.mapquest.com

Weather:

- www.accuweather.com
- www.weather.com

Search Engines:

- www.google.com
- www.yahoo.com

Entertainment:

- www.youtube.com
- www.napster.com
- www.itunes.com
- www.abc.com
- www.nbc.com