







INTERNET TERMS

The Internet –  A computer network connecting millions of computers. A network is a group of two or more computer systems linked together.

The World Wide Web (WWW) –  A system of internet servers that support specially formatted documents.

The Cloud –  Cloud computing is computing in which large groups of remote servers are networked to allow centralized data storage and online access to computer services or resources.

ISP – Internet Service Provider - A company that provides access to the Internet such as Comcast or AT&T

Web Browser – A software program like Microsoft’s Internet Explorer  Mozilla’s FireFox,  or Google Chrome  that allows you to request a site/document/page from a remote computer (file server) and load it on to your computer in order to view, hear, or interact with it.


Web Site Address Extensions – Extensions indicate what type of entity the web site contains information for. Most common are


.com – Commercial

.org – Non-profit organization


.gov – All official government use



.edu – Educational use


URL - Uniform Resource Locator -  <https://www.google.com> Better known as a Web address. An URL is the unique address for a specific Internet site. Example: www.ippl.info


Home Page  - The page that greets you when you first connect to the internet or introduces you to the first page created by a specific individual or organization.


Links: Also called a hyperlink, which can access text or a graphic found on a web site. Clicking on a link with your mouse will bring you to another web page or to a different area of the same web page. Links may or may not be underlined or in color, www.ippl.info


Security Lock –  <https://www.google.com> URL includes a lock symbol and https, this indicates that a web site is secure.


Search Engine - An online tool to locate web pages dealing with a particular topic or subject. Google  and Bing  are search engines or search tools.

Bookmarks/Favorites  – The process of saving the address of a favorite internet site in a file called “Bookmarks” or “Favorites” in order to revisit that site in the future.

E-Mail –  (Short for electronic mail) Email is a way to exchange messages between computers. Mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is called “snail mail.”


Refresh -  - Can be used to get the most up-to-date version of a web site.

Back and Forward Buttons -  - Back button will return you to previous viewed pages. Forward button will return you to pages you viewed before the one you are looking at.

Stop Button -  - Can be used to stop a page from loading on to your computer.

Drop down menus - Some pages may have drop down menus that can provide you with additional information or resources.

5 Ways to Find Information on the Internet Using Internet Explorer

1. Type a URL (web address) in the address box
Single left-click in the “address box” of the browser
Type **whitepages.com** and press the Enter key.
Single left-click on **BUSINESS**
Single left-click in the first box and type **Home Depot**
Single left-click in the second box and type **Darien, IL**
Press the enter key on your keyboard
2. Click on Links
Single left-click in the “address box” of the browser:
Type **AMC Woodridge** and press the Enter key.
Single left-click on **More Showtimes**
3. Save AMC movies as a favorite
Single left-click on the Star symbol in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
Single left-click on “Add to favorites” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
Type **AMC WOODRIDGE**
Single left-click “Add” in the window that appears.
4. Use a Directory
Single left-click on the “Home”  symbol in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and press the Enter key.
Single left-click on the “Research” tab
Scroll or page down to see the list of research databases at the library.
(You will need a library card number to use any of these databases)
5. Use a Search Engine
Click in the address box and type **Google** and press the Enter key.
Click in the search box and type your name

Other Search Engines to explore: yahoo.com, ask.com, bing.com