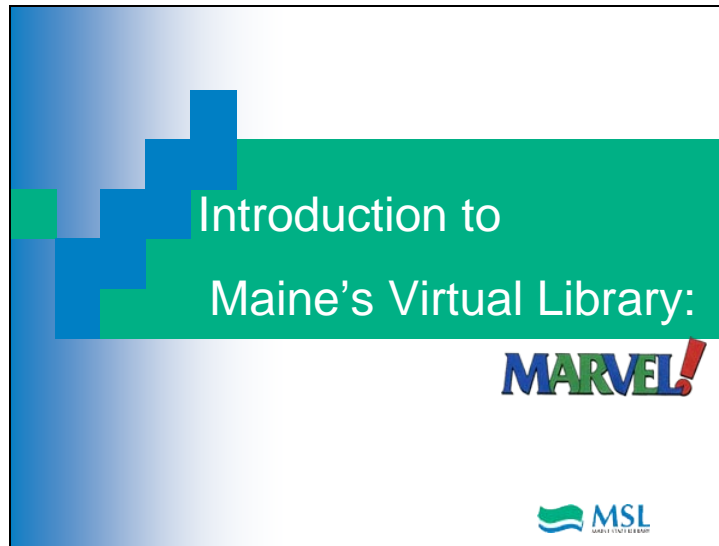Slide 1

Welcome to a Maine State Library tutorial series which introduces you to MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library. In this first session, we'll learn what MARVEL is and how you can use it.

Slide 2

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. If you need help with homework or are looking to make a major purchase, like a car or appliance, you can find current information in MARVEL! These resources are not the general Internet. The articles in these databases are from sources like Consumer Reports or National Geographic –magazines with solid reputations.
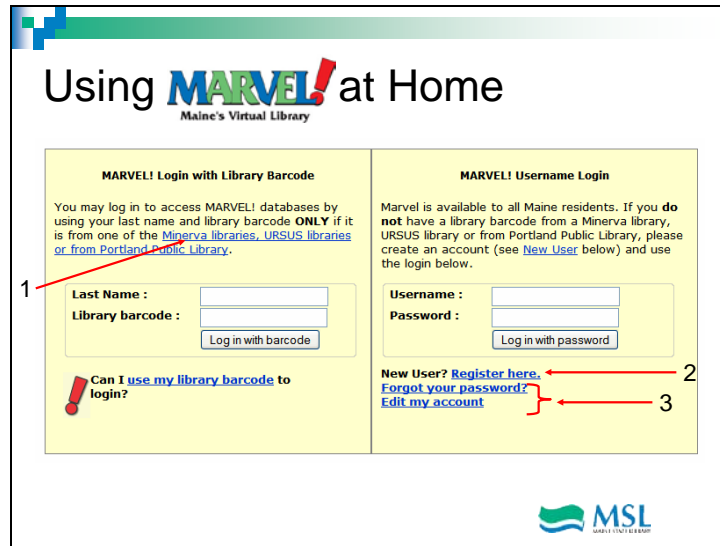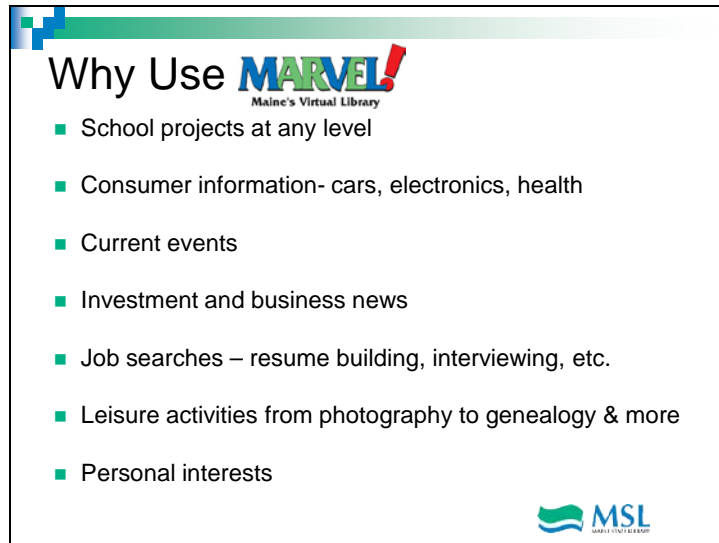
Slide 3

Use MARVEL! from any device with an Internet connection. If you are in a library or school, you can go directly to MARVEL without a login. For Maine residents at home or another location with an Internet connection, you will need a username and password to login. The next slide will show you how.

Slide 4

If you are a patron of certain libraries, you can login to MARVEL! from home simply by using your last name and library card number. To find out if your home library is one of these, click on the blue links labeled 1 in the screenshot. If your library isn't on this list, then you'll need to create a username and password in order to access these resources from home. The vendors require identification that users of these resources actually live in Maine. None of your information will be shared with other parties. To set up a new account, click on the blue link "Register here" labeled 2 above. You'll be asked for first and last name, zip code, email, telephone number and type of library you use. Some of the resources such as "Learning Express" are limited to public library users so you should set up your account with a "Public Library" affiliation. Use your email address for your username for ease of remembering. Choose a password of at least 6 characters in a combination of letters and numbers or use the one randomly generated. You will automatically receive an email with this information with the subject heading "MARVEL! New Registration". You can always retrieve your password or edit your account by using either of the links labeled 3 above.

Slide 5

Why Use MARVEL!
Maine's Virtual Library

- School projects at any level

- Consumer information- cars, electronics, health

- Current events

- Investment and business news

- Job searches – resume building, interviewing, etc.

- Leisure activities from photography to genealogy & more

- Personal interests

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Marvel has many uses.

Slide 6

In the next tutorial, we'll explore the MARVEL! home screen and learn how to move around in the resource.