

## Directories

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### What is a subject directory?

A *Subject Directory* is a huge list of web sites compiled by experts in the field. Information is categorized by subject. It is best to use *directories* when you are searching for more general or broad information or when you want a list of the more popular web sites on a given topic. Directories allow users to browse for information on any given subject.

### What are some popular subject directories?

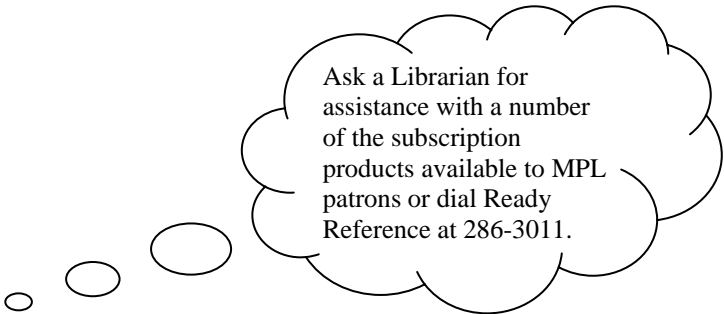
Yahoo [www.yahoo.com] was the first subject directory and has remained the most popular. The Librarian's Index to the Internet [www.lii.org] and the Open Directory Project [www.dmoz.org] are also great resources. MPL's directory [http://www.mpl.org/coldfusion/librarian\_rec.cfm] provides not only links to web sites but other computer resources such as subscription databases and CD-ROM products.

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### How can I locate a person's contact information?

You can search for someone's address, phone number, or email address very easily. There are many people search tools available for free on the Internet. Many of these tools provide listings from both yellow and white pages across the country. Although there are a number of people search tools to choose from, none of them are completely comprehensive. In fact, you may notice that each search tool yields different results. Try locating yourself, friend or family member using one of the free people searching tools below.

Anywho	www.anywho.com
Bigfoot	www.bigfoot.com
Switchboard	www.switchboard.com
WhoWhere?	www.whowhere.com
Yahoo People Search	people.yahoo.com



Ask a Librarian for assistance with a number of the subscription products available to MPL patrons or dial Ready Reference at 286-3011.

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### How can I locate contact information for government officials?

The Milwaukee Public Library web site provides a listing for government officials serving Milwaukee County residents. See the directions for accessing this page below.

1. Access the Milwaukee Public Library homepage.
2. Click the **Research Resources** link.
3. Click on **Recommended Links**.
4. Click either the **Government-Federal** or the **Government-State & Local** link.
5. Scroll down.
6. Click the **Directory of Government Officials** link.
  - A page loads with contact information including Federal, State of Wisconsin, Courts, Milwaukee County, and Milwaukee City government officials and agencies.