

Learn how to go online and explore the internet!

## BASIC DEFINITIONS & SKILLS

**Address Bar:** The field in a browser window where you enter a web address (URL).

**Hand Icon:** The cursor changes from an arrow to a hand when it is moved over a link in a webpage or document.

**Hyperlinks (or Links):** An electronic link embedded in a document that takes you to another webpage or document.

**I-beam Icon:** The cursor is shaped like an “I” when it is over text that can be selected and copied.

**Internet:** A global, electronic communications network connecting millions of computers.

**Search Engine:** Web programs that search internet content to find information matching search terms or keywords. Examples of search engines are Google and Yahoo.

**URL (Uniform Resource Locator):** Addresses used to locate specific sites or files on the web. Examples: [bklynpubliclibrary.org](http://bklynpubliclibrary.org) and [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).

**Web Browser:** A software application, such as Internet Explorer, Firefox or Safari, used to locate and display webpages.

**Webpage:** A document with its own address on the internet, usually containing links.

**World Wide Web (WWW):** Interconnected information and documents accessed through the internet. Commonly known as “the web.”

## MORE WAYS TO DEVELOP BASIC SKILLS

**Search engines:**

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com), [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com), [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)

**Internet 101 tutorial with videos:**

[www.gcflearnfree.org/internet101](http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internet101)

**Working with the web (English & Spanish):**

[www.jegsworks.com/Lessons/web/index.html](http://www.jegsworks.com/Lessons/web/index.html)