How to get a Second Life?

1. Go to www.secondlife.com

2. Click on Join Now

3. Fill out the personal information

4. Type in what you want your first name to be, then click on “Find a Last Name”

5. Second Life will show you all of the available last names, choose from one of these.
6. Create a password

![Create your user name and password](image)

7. Choose a starting look (this can be modified later)

![Choose a starting look](image)

8. Finish Up with the Security Questions and click “Create Account”

![Just a few more details](image)

9. Log into your email account to activate the account.

10. Download the free second life software from secondlife.com and get started!
Resources for Librarians in Second Life

In Second Life
Info Island International Reference Desk:
http://slurl.com/secondlife/Info%20Island%20International/115/236/34
Alliance Virtual Island:
http://slurl.com/secondlife/Info%20Island/118/34/33
American Library Association:
San Jose State University

Other Resources
http://infoisland.org/
http://sllibrarians.ning.com/
http://world.secondlife.com/group/b0991cde-79b3-a8ca-b2a9-a9a738d5f999
https://lists.secondlife.com/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/educators

Second Life Tips and Tricks

How do I chat?
Text chat is how you communicate with other Residents near you in Second Life®. Unlike an Instant Message (IM), chat can be "heard" by anyone (and any scripted objects) within range.
Click the Chat button at the bottom of the Second Life Viewer. Type what you want to say, then click the Say button to say your message. Anyone within 20 meters of your avatar will see your message.

How Do I Instant Message Someone?
Instant messaging (IM) is a private way to communicate with individuals or groups. IM is different from chat in that you can IM any Resident, no matter where they are, inworld or offline, at any time.

How do I add someone to my Contacts list?
If you're near them inworld, just right-click their avatar and select Add Friend.
If you're not near them or if they're offline, click the Communicate button at the bottom of the Second Life® window and click the Contacts tab. Then click the Add button to open a search window where you can type in your friend’s name.
You can also find them in Search:
1. Click the Search button.
2. Click the People tab.
3. Type the Resident’s name.
4. Select them in the search results.
5. Finally, click the Add Friend button.

When you add a friend, an Add Friend window comes up which allows you to enter a custom message. Use this to explain why you’d like to be friends, or a reminder of how you know each other.

How do I find a group?
Second Life’s Search window makes searching for groups quick and easy.
   1. Click Search at the bottom of the Second Life window.
   2. Click the Groups tab.
   3. Type the name of the group you are looking for.
You can click on the group listing for details and join the group.

How do I set a home location?
1. Move your avatar to the chosen location.
2. Use World > Set Home To Here. A message appears confirming if your home is set successfully.

How do I move my avatar?
Use the arrow keys to go forward, backward, right, and left

How do I Join a Group?
To join an open group:
   1. Click the Search button.
   2. Click the Groups tab.
   3. Enter the name of the group you wish to join and click the Search button.
   4. Click on the group entry. If the group is open enrollment, the Join button appears above the Owners and Visible Members listing, along with any cost associated with joining the group.
   5. Click the Join button to join the group.

What is my Library?
The Library folder in your inventory contains content provided by Linden Lab for use by all Residents. The way this folder works is similar to a "shared drive" on your computer network. All Residents share the same content at any given time. You cannot use objects in the Library until you copy them to your own Inventory; you can drag a copy onto the ground, your avatar, or another folder in your Inventory.

Useful Video Tutorials:
How Do I Manage my inventory?
http://wiki.secondlife.com/wiki/How_to_manage_your_inventory_-_Video_Tutorial
How do I use a SLURL to teleport?
http://wiki.secondlife.com/wiki/How_to_use_a_SLurl_Teleport_Link_-_Video_Tutorial

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