

A Brief Guide to Hulu

How to watch movies & TV shows for free online

What is Hulu?

Hulu (www.hulu.com) is a website that offers commercial-supported streaming video of TV shows and movies from NBC, Fox and many other networks and studios for free to anyone in the United States. It is the only website Library staff will recommend for viewing movies and TV shows because all content on Hulu is legal and provided by the copyright holder.

What do I need to access Hulu?

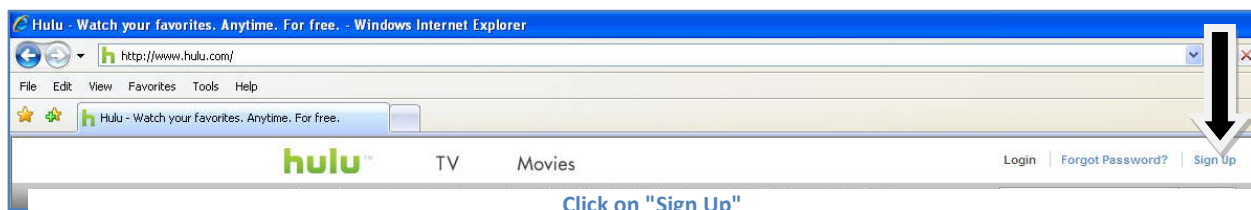
To enjoy videos at Hulu, you will need the following software installed on your computer:

- Internet Explorer 6.0 or above, Firefox 1.5 or above, or Safari 2.0 or above
- JavaScript and Cookies must also be enabled
- Adobe Flash Player 9.0 or above
- Microsoft Windows XP SP2 or later, Microsoft Windows Vista, Macintosh OS X or Linux
- You will also need a high speed internet connection.

The good news is Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County Workstations meet these requirements. For further information about viewing Hulu content at home, visit their website and click on "Support."

Do I need to sign up to watch videos?

Hulu is similar to YouTube in that users **do not** have to sign up to view content (unless it is age restricted content). However, like YouTube, to participate more actively with the website (such as setting up favorites, adding subscriptions, making recommendations, etc.) you will have to register. To do so, simply click "sign up" on the upper right hand corner of the screen and fill out the form on the next page. *Note: You will need a valid email address to register.*



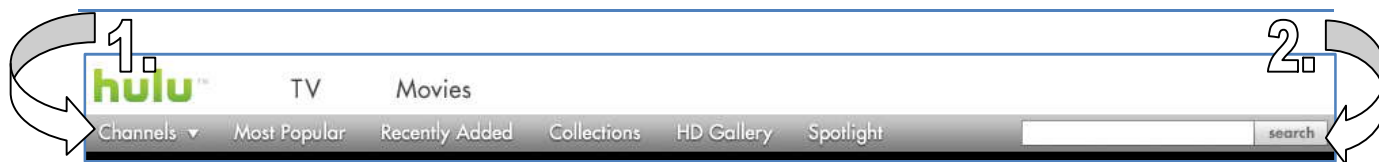
What kind of content can I find on Hulu?

Hulu offers a wide variety of videos. Some of the things you can find on Hulu include:

- Many popular TV shows (*The Simpsons*, *Family Guy*, *House*, *The Apprentice*, *Burn Notice*, *The Daily Show*, and many more)
- Many popular movies (action-adventure flicks, comedies, dramas, family films, horror movies, and much more)
- Sports (college football, National Hockey League, mixed martial arts, extreme sports, World Wrestling Entertainment and many more)
- Hulu exclusive content (news, video game reviews, movie trailers, live events, politics, and much more)

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How can I search for videos?

Hulu gives you a variety of ways to search for the videos you are looking for. You can browse by **Channels** (arrow 1 above); for example you could view all videos under the “Action and Adventure” channel. If you know specifically what program you want, you can simply type in your selection in the **Search** bar (arrow 2 above). You can also search by the **Most Popular** videos, the most **Recently Added** videos, **Collections** (a group of videos related by theme, for example “Classic Christmas Scenes” or “Steve Martin on Saturday Night Live”), the **HD Gallery**, or the **Spotlight** (rotating videos of interest chosen by Hulu).

Using the Hulu Media Player

When you are watching a video on Hulu, you have several options to customize your experience. Refer to the image below for the corresponding letters.

A: Embed – Clicking this button will give you a code which will allow you to place the video on a website such as MySpace, Facebook, UrbanChat, etc.

B: Share – This will allow you to email a link to his video to a friend.

C: Details – This will give you more information about the video you are viewing.

D: Full screen – This enlarges the video to cover the entire computer screen.

E: Pop out – This places the video in a smaller window which you can view while browsing other web pages.

F: Lower Lights – This feature dims the rest of the web page for greater contrast with the video.

G: Watch in High-Res – This allows you to watch the video in higher quality (if available).

H: Play/Pause button: This works the same as on a CD Player, VCR, or DVD player.

I: Timeline – This shows you the progress of the video and the total running time of the clip.

J: Volume Control – This allows you to adjust the volume on the video clip.

