

Lesson 2, Find People

Twitter is more fun with friends. Now that you're twittering, find new friends or follow people you already know to get their twitter updates too. You can find your friends using [people search](#), [Twitter search](#), [address book import](#), or URL look up.

Find People by name

Use Twitter's [people search](#) to find people who currently use Twitter. Search for a first, last, or user name as a starting point, and see what comes up. We use the full name as well as the user name fields to give you as many relevant results as possible.

Find people using keywords, location, interests, and more!

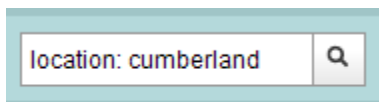


Allegany County Library Twitter site:

<http://twitter.com/aclslisam>

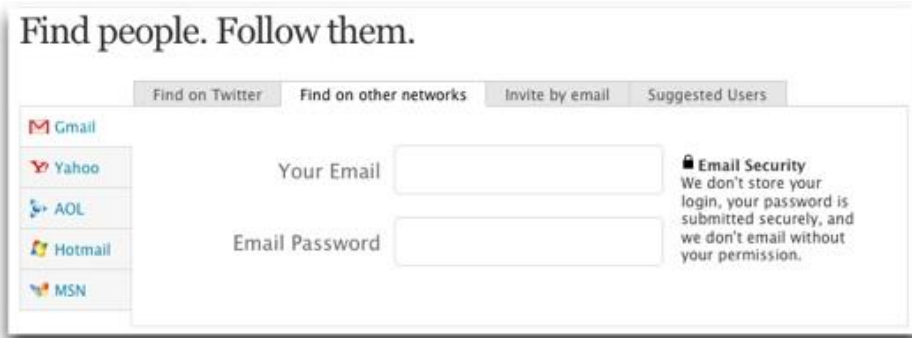
A tiny, hidden gem lies in Twitter's sidebar: [Twitter Search!](#) Twitter search is an incredible tool that allows you to find virtually anything and anyone by adding the ability to search for key words, locations, phrases, and more! Type in any word and you're guaranteed to get real time results.

- Want to know what people think of a new movie? Try searching for it.
- Search for any phrase ('[I dreamt](#)' is an interesting one)
- Want to know what people are saying about your company? Try a keyword search.
- Wondering who sends tweets from your area? Try searching for 'location:cityname' to see a list of people who are from that city.



Find people on other networks

Twitter can check a list of your contacts to see if any of them are currently using Twitter. You can check address books from Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, MSN, and AOL. (Twitter reports that they will support more networks in the future!) You can see who is on Twitter and you can choose to follow them if you want to get their Twitter updates.

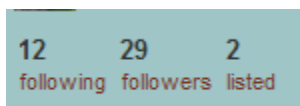


To import an address book, visit the [Find People](#) link. The tab is already selected for you, just type in your email address and password. **Note:** Twitter doesn't save your email log in information, we only use it once to get permission to view your contacts list.

You can also follow other Twitterers or they can follow you. To find a fellow Twitterer, type a name into the search box.

What does it mean to follow someone on Twitter?

[Following](#) someone simply means receiving their Twitter updates. When you follow someone, every time they post a new message, it will appear in your Twitter home page. New messages are added to your home page as people post them, so you always get the updates in real time. When you log in, you can see what the latest updates are. Twitter offers other ways to follow people too: you can get updates from certain people on your [phone](#)!



How do I know who is following me?

Twitter sends you an email when someone new follows you. Set up your [email preferences](#) to notify you when you have a new follower. The [followers](#) link on your profile page or home page's sidebar will also tell you how many followers you have.

Can I block people from following me?

[Yes, you can.](#) If you block someone, they won't be able to follow you or send you any messages. If your account is public, they'll still be able to view it, but they won't show up on your followers list, and you won't be on their following list. Twitter Support keeps an eye on block reports to see who's getting in trouble on Twitter.