# MIT Libraries Basics

**Go to the Information Navigator to watch online video tutorials for an introduction to using the MIT Libraries**
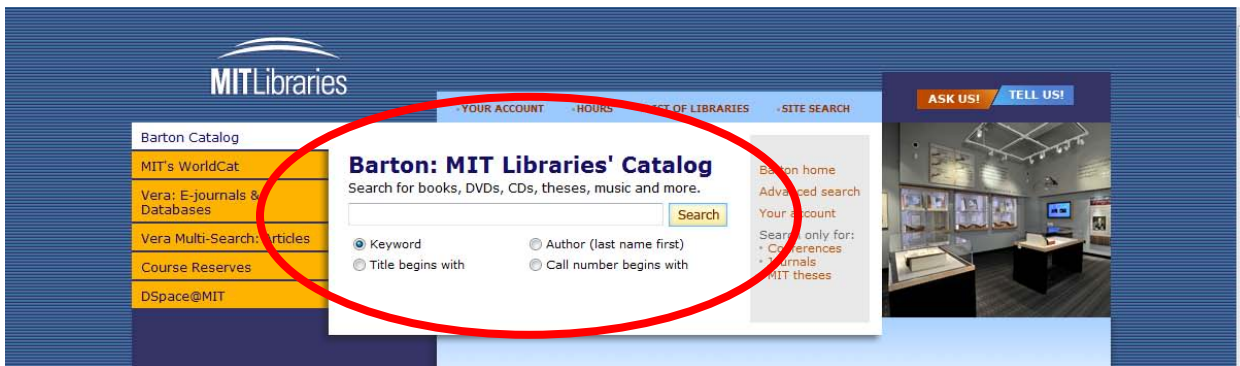[http://libguides.mit.edu/infonav](http://libguides.mit.edu/infonav)

**Key tools for library research are on the MIT Libraries home page**
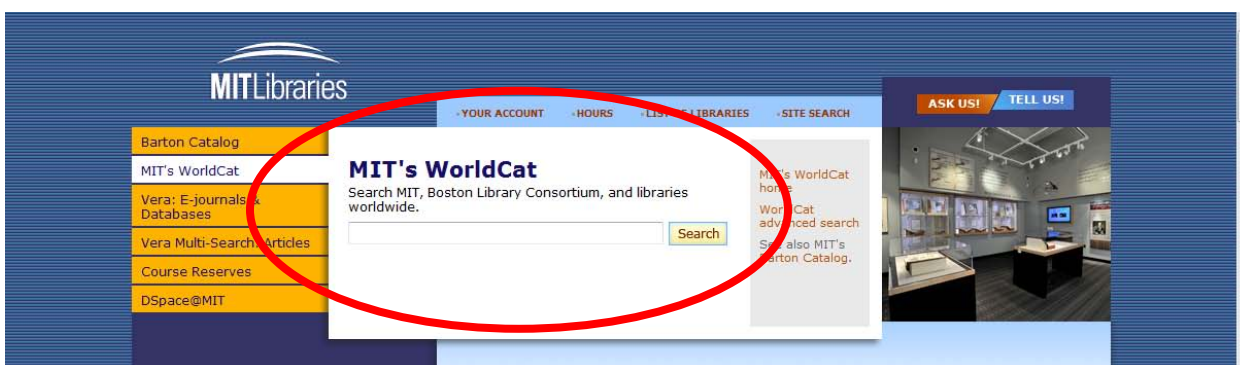[http://libraries.mit.edu](http://libraries.mit.edu)

**Barton**
- Database of materials the MIT Libraries owns or subscribes to
- Key tool to identify books, print journals and magazines, CDs, DVDs, and other material owned by MIT Libraries
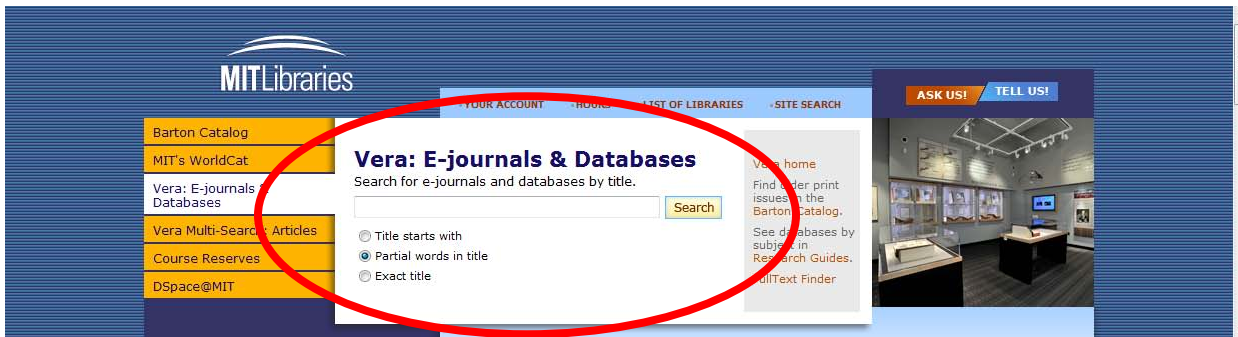- Search for known items or for items about a topic



**Worldcat**
- A "union catalog," a database of millions of library records from thousands of libraries
- Closest thing to a search of all existing library materials (e.g., all print books, all print newspaper titles)
- Key tool to find material held outside MIT
- Use Worldcat to borrow items from other libraries
- There's another version of Worldcat at: [http://libraries.mit.edu/get/worldcat](http://libraries.mit.edu/get/worldcat) (or through Vera)

# Vera

- Gateway to MIT Libraries e-journals and online databases
- Type in the title of the journal or database you want to open. Note that it takes you *to* the database, but doesn't search *in* the database! For example, use Vera to get to the online *New York Times, Journal of American History,* JSTOR, or Web of Science, but then you have to open them to search them.



# Subject Guides

- Provides lists of databases by subject and links to other research guides
- Use this if you don't know exactly what you need and just want to see what's offered by MIT Libraries