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

Key tools for library research are on the MIT Libraries home page

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 (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 that journal or database. 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