Project SimpLR Updates

MIT Libraries All Staff Meeting

Nicole Hennig
May 30-31, 2007
A. new Vera interface: using Metalib

B. (possible) new Barton interface: using Worldcat Local
Library survey, 2006

What should the libraries' top 2 or 3 priorities be for the next three years?

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(number of responses ranging from 0 to 3000)
User needs study & previous usability tests

- improve DISCOVERY

- students have trouble choosing the best databases for their research
a simple approach
with minimal features
New features to be built with Metalib/X-server

- Meta-search of 7 broad subject sets
  40 of our databases

- Sub-categories for each specific subject.
Existing features to be replaced with SFX

E-journals:

- Quick title search
- A-Z list
Features to discontinue

- e-journals by subject
- provider search
- new titles search
- web interface to “staff Vera”
Metasearch for 7 broad sets

- General
- Art, Architecture & Planning
- Engineering
- Humanities
- Management & Business
- Science
- Social Sciences
All other databases

Listed in subject groupings

- link to native interfaces
mockups
Search:  General ▼

what am I searching?

E-journal title search
contains ▼
Find title

E-journals A-Z

Database title search
contains ▼
Find title

Databases by subject

Databases A-Z
What am I searching?

You are searching a group of General databases that includes:

- Barton: MIT Libraries Catalog
- Google Scholar
- Proquest Research Library
- Web of Knowledge

More questions?
Ask Us!
Search:

- General
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- Engineering
- Humanities
- Management & Business
- Science
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Results from General

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You searched in:
Barton: MIT Libraries’ catalog
320 hits

Google Scholar
40,534 hits

ProQuest Research Library
2,311 hits

Web of Knowledge
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Try your search in:
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See also: All general databases
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See also:  All Engineering databases
All Engineering Databases

See also: Subject & Course Guides for Engineering | Subject Experts | Baker Engineering Library

Aeronautics/Astronautics

Biotechnology/Bioengineering

Civil engineering

Computer science

Electrical engineering

Energy

Environmental engineering

Materials science

Mechanical engineering

Nuclear engineering

Ocean engineering

See also:
Conferences
E-Books
Patents
Standards
Technical reports
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- Aeronautics/Astronautics
- Biotechnology/Bioengineering
- Civil engineering
- Computer science
- Electrical engineering
- Energy
- Environmental engineering
- Materials science
- Mechanical engineering
- Nuclear engineering
- Ocean engineering

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We already have shortcut URLs that lead to each Vera subject results screen: libraries.mit.edu/db/civil
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[Allows 6 simultaneous user(s)](http://libraries.mit.edu/get/america) | Go |
All Business & Management Databases

See also: Subject & Course Guides for Business | Subject Experts | Dewey Library

Highly recommended

Business Database Advisor

This purpose of this advisor is to help you save time and work more efficiently by showing you how to quickly choose the best database for your research task.

Note: This advisor covers a selection of commonly used business databases. For a list of all the business databases available at MIT Libraries, please consult the listing of Databases for Business and Management in Vera.

Choose a research area:

Economics

All databases for:

Business & Management

Economics

See also:

Conferences
E-Books
Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
Theses
Create pages that list all databases for each subject

- build pages that list databases by sub-category within each subject

(replaces Vera pages that list databases A-Z)
Sample sub-categories

**Social Science subjects**
- Research articles
- Data & Statistics
- Working Papers
- News
- Technical reports
- Government documents

**Humanities subjects**
- Article Indexes and Bibliographies
- Full-text Books and Articles
- Primary Sources
- Biographical Information
- Data and Statistics
- Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

**Business subjects**
- Companies
- Industries Markets and Products
- Investment & Finance
- Management
- Economics and Countries
Based on the information provided, it's not clear which item you are interested in. Possible matches are listed below. Please choose one to complete your SFX request.

Found 16 records.

Journal title contains 'journal of cell biology'
Display 10 records per page.
Showing 1 - 10 of 16 records.

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databases

Metalib

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SFX

databases + ejournals

Verde
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Metalib

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Stages

May - June: build the new Vera

July - Dec: run it as beta together with the old Vera, still link to Vera for listing databases, SFX for listing e-journals

July - Aug: usability testing of new Vera beta

Sept. - Oct: add new pages for listing databases by subject

Oct - Nov: more usability tests

January 2008 - go live, replaces the old Vera
Project SimpLR timeline details:

http://libstaff.mit.edu/simp/timeline.html
It’s primarily a way to improve discovery of databases...

not a custom version of Metalib.
Databases for broad sets

**General (4)**
- Barton
- Proquest Research Library
- Web of Knowledge
- Google Scholar

**Humanities (12)**
- Barton
- JSTOR
- Philosopher's Index
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index
- Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts
- Humanities Abstracts
- America: History & Life
- Historical Abstracts
- History of Science, Technology & Medicine
- RILM
- Art Abstracts
- MLA

**Engineering (10)**
- Barton
- Compendex
- Inspec
- Web of Knowledge
- Google Scholar
- CSA - Materials Research Database
- CSA - Environmental Science and Pollution Management
- CSA - Sustainability Science Abstracts
- Books24x7
- PubMed

**Science (7)**
- Barton
- PubMed
- Web of Knowledge
- Biosis
- Google Scholar
- Inspec
- CSA: Environmental Science and Pollution Management
Databases for broad sets

**Business & Management (5)**

Barton  
ABI Inform Global  
Business Source Premier  
Web of Knowledge  
ABI Trade & Industry (Proquest)

(later Lexis/Nexis may work)

**Social Sciences (9)**

Barton  
PsycInfo  
Sociological Abstracts  
ERIC  
Social Science Citation Index  
EconLit (EBSCO)  
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts  
Social Science Abstracts  
Anthrosource

**Architecture & Planning (5)**

Barton  
Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals  
Arthbibliographies Modern  
Art Abstracts  
Worldcat
Worldcat Local
What is it?

- a next-generation discovery tool
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- a possible alternative interface to Barton
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- will rank our holdings at the top of all search results
Search results for 'global warming'

Results 1-10 of about 9,568 (.10 seconds)

1. **State of fear : a novel**  
   by Michael Crichton  
   Language: English  Type: Book : Fiction  Internet Resource  

2. **An inconvenient truth : the planetary emergency of global warming and what we can do about it**  
   by Albert Gore; Melcher Media.  
   Language: English  Type: Book  

3. **Global warming**  
   by Cynthia A Bily  
   Language: English  Type: Book  

4. **The coming plague : newly emerging diseases in a world out of balance**  
   by Laurie Garrett  
   Language: English  Type: Book  

5. **The weather makers : how man is changing the climate and what it means for life on Earth**
key benefits

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- non-profit status of OCLC
key benefits

- ongoing research agenda
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  harvesting from digital repositories
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- journal article integration
key benefits

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- inexpensive compared to other proposed solutions
features
Advanced Search

Enter search terms in at least one of the fields below

Keyword:  
Return items with these words appearing anywhere

Title:  
Return items with these words in the title  
e.g. The Old Man and the Sea

Author:  
Return items by author  
e.g. Ernest Hemingway

ISBN or ISSN or OCLC Number:  
Return item associated with the standard number  
e.g. 0684830493

Search

Limit results by (optional)

Language:  
Return only items in the language  
All Languages

Format:  
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Publication Date:  
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**faceted browsing**
The access principle: the case for open access to research and scholarship
by John Willinsky

Language: English  Type: Book  Internet Resource
Subjects: Open access publishing, Scholarly electronic publishing, Science publishing
Web Resources: mitpress.mit.edu
More Info: Book review (Education Review)
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links to published reviews
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Opening Access: The Right to Know

In The Access Principle, John Willinsky, University of British Columbia Professor of Literacy and Technology and developer of Open Journals Systems software, offers a compelling summary of the important social, political, and economic issues raised by the “state of declining access to research and scholarship within an otherwise expanding global academic community,” and describes how changing models for scholarly publishing can increase access to (and the impact of) research and scholarship.

Willinsky defines the access principle as the belief that a “commitment to the value and quality of research carries with it responsibility to extend the circulation of such work as far as possible and ideally to all who are interested in it and all who might profit by it.” He places this access principle in a long line of human history, as a fundamental human and moral right—the “right to know.”

Research and Scholarship as a Public Good

His fundamental premise is that research and scholarship are a public good, which is something “beneficial to everyone who seeks it, without their use of it diminishing its value.” This “lighthouse property of knowledge” is directly at odds with the traditional commercial publishing enterprise, which seeks to create barriers to access in order to generate profit. Willinsky marshals significant and telling facts to support his contention that it is time for change in this model. Among the many such facts: 50,000 journals are published worldwide; 20,000 or more of them available online, but just three for-profit companies control 60 percent of the research indexed in Web of Science.
**War and peace**
by **Leo Tolstoy, graf**; **Louise Shanks Maude; Aylmer Maude**

**Language:** English  **Type:** 📚 Book : Fiction

**Publisher:** New York : Simon and Schuster, 1942.  |  [Other Editions ...]

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- Mt. Hood CC (1 item)
- Oregon State U (3 items)
- Portland CC (1 item)
- Reed (1 item)
- Southern Oregon (2 items)
- U of Oregon (1 item)
- U of Portland (1 item)
- Walla Walla College (1 item)
- Washington State U (1 item)

*live availability status*
live query of locations and availability for journals
The New York times.

Language: English  Type: Serial Publication : Newspaper : Daily  
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integration with SFX
potential for more article content

- inclusion of more article content beside just the FirstSearch databases

- they would negotiate with vendors to include their content
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browser toolbars & plugins
what would we lose?

- ability to totally customize every detail of the interface
what would we gain?

- we would no longer need to totally customize every bit of the interface :)

focus on new ideas for using our data in other ways

- web services will allow us to extract the data for use by other programs
OCLC’s timeline

- April 2007
currently in pilot mode with a few institutions:

Univ. of Washington:
http://www.lib.washington.edu/

- a few others soon

- Early 2008: Univ. of California Libraries:
http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/about/uc_oclc_faq.html

- OCLC plans to have it available for purchase by end of summer
Worldcat Local Task Force

- being appointed soon to figure out the answers to some questions and determine what it would take for us to run a pilot
questions to answer

- MIT holdings that aren't in OCLC and how we get them loaded

- what other sources of metadata do we have that could be loaded?

- what about our authority records that aren't in OCLC?

- does ALEPH support NCIP well enough (protocol for getting live circ status)

- what services do we want to come up with a "get item" link

- how should we evaluate the pilot?

- are there other issues to be addressed before or during a pilot?
- a next-generation discovery tool
questions?