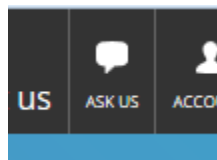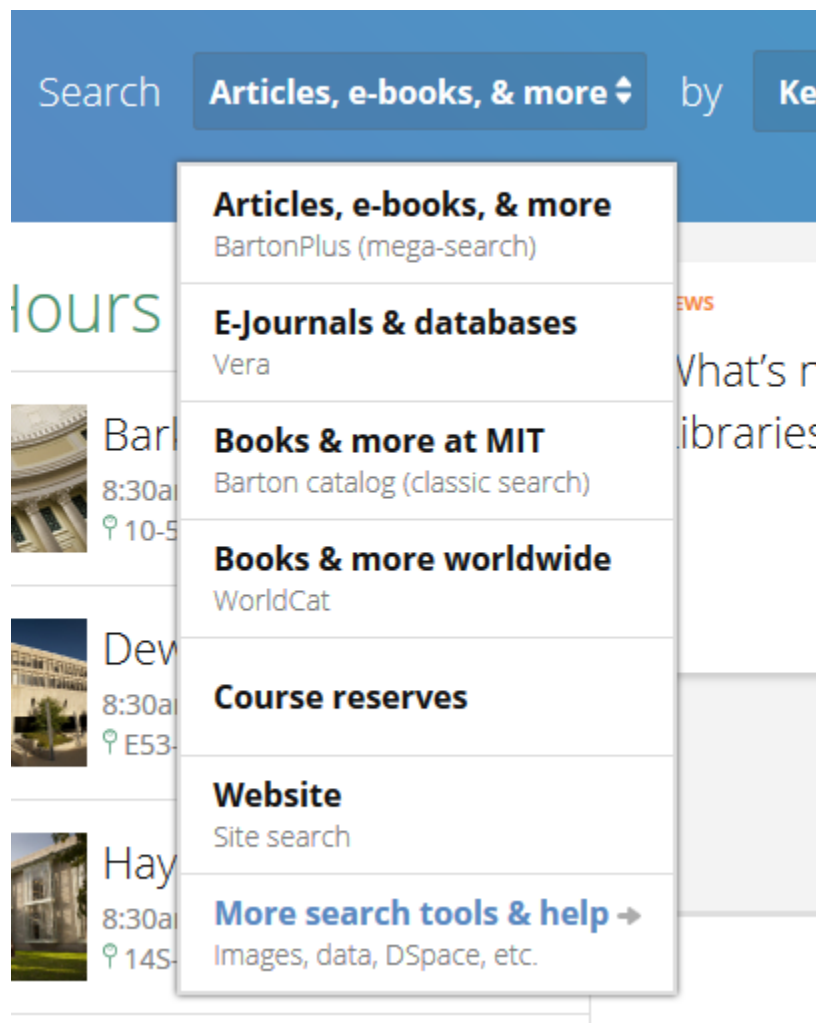Patsy Baudoin
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Search & Find

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

Vera (E-journals & databases)

- Gateway to MIT Libraries e-journals and online databases (NOT individual articles)
- 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, ACM Digital Library, IEEExplore, and then open them to find articles in them.

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