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)

At the top right-hand corner of the home page ([http://libraries.mit.edu](http://libraries.mit.edu)) click on

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to reach a librarian via live chat or email.
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.

Research Guides & Experts

- Provides lists of databases by subject and links to other research guides – and the names of the specialized librarians who know about them
- Use this if you don’t know exactly what you need and just want to see what’s offered by MIT Libraries
- Note: there’s another “AskUs” button here.