Welcome to the MIT Libraries

This guide is intended to introduce you to the wide range of resources, collections, services, and staff available in the MIT Libraries both onsite and over the campus network.

The Institute's major collections are housed in five divisional libraries: Barker Engineering, Science, Dewey (social sciences and management), Rotch (architecture and planning), and Humanities. There are, in addition, a number of branch libraries that specialize in more narrowly defined fields including aeronautics and astronautics, music, earth and planetary sciences, health sciences, and visual materials. Detailed descriptions of these libraries are contained in the Guide to the MIT Libraries, a brochure available in all libraries, as well as via MITosis on the Libraries campus network homepage.

The Libraries' staff are eager to assist you with your information needs. Among the services offered, both onsite and over the campus network, are reference and information assistance, interlibrary borrowing, computerized literature searching, photocopying, access to other area libraries, and instruction in library research methods. Tours and seminars are available throughout the year and are posted in the News section of MITosis. Information is also available at any reference desk.

As this guide indicates, a growing number of services are now available to you over the campus network. Our goal is to provide as much service and information as possible to you at your workstation. Services such as OWL, FirstSearch, and MITosis allow you to accomplish a large portion of your work from your desktop, thereby making your visits to the Libraries more productive. This coming year we will be installing a new library operations system that will improve productivity and enhance your access to information about materials in the collections.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. We hope to see you in our space, both physical and virtual, soon and often.

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MITosis

MITosis, the MIT Libraries gopher server, is now available to the MIT community and to the Internet world. MITosis provides access to both local and Internet resources using Gopher, a navigating tool used by many universities, government agencies and corporations. The hierarchical menuing capability of the gopher interface provides a logical and easy-to-use framework within which to browse local and remote electronic resources. MITosis menus can also be searched using specific keywords or combinations of words by way of the search feature appearing as the second item on the MITosis Main Menu.

MITosis is available to Athena and MITVMAC/C users, as well as to Macintosh or DOS/Windows users who have an MITnet connection. You can connect to MITosis using either a gopher client or a World-Wide Web browser such as Mosaic. For information about these network applications and how to get them, contact the Network Help Desk at x3-4101 or <net-help@mit.edu>.

ACCESS VIA GOPHER
* From Athena, type add library mitosis
On workstations, the XGopher client will start. If you are dialing in or running your Athena session through a Macintosh or PC, the text-based gopher client will start.
* From Macintosh or DOS/Windows
There are many gopher clients available for these platforms. All give you the ability to "point" your client at a given address and port. The address for MITosis is mitosis.mit.edu and it runs on the default gopher port, 70.
* From MITVMAC/C, type
From Athena workstation
Choose Communications — Mosaic-MIT Home Page from the Dash menu. Select the Academics link, then the Libraries link.
From Macintosh or DOS/Windows - You can get to MITosis from the MIT Home Page under Academics. Another option is to open the MITosis URL directly and it runs on the default gopher port, 70.

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ACCESS VIA A WEB BROWSER
* From Athena workstation
Choose Communications — Mosaic-MIT Home Page from the Dash menu. Select the Academics link, then the Libraries link.
* From Macintosh or DOS/Windows - You can get to MITosis from the MIT Home Page under Academics. Another option is to open the MITosis URL directly and it runs on the default gopher port, 70.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEEDBACK
MIT librarians are constantly on the lookout for MIT-developed databases, documents or bibliographies that would be of use to the MIT community and could be made available via MITosis. If you have a resource that you would like to make available through MITosis, contact Margret Lippert at x3-1293 <lippertm@mit.edu>. The Libraries also welcome suggestions for additions to MITosis, as well as questions and comments; send these to <mitosis-lib@mit.edu>.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
MIT Libraries are also in the early stages of building a World Wide Web Server. As the year progresses you will find more and more resources offered through the MIT Libraries Web Server. You can get to the MIT Libraries' Home Page through the MIT Home Page http://web.mit.edu and clicking on Academics, then Library or access it directly using the URL http://nimrod.mit.edu/80/