

# BARTON LIBRARY

## Library vs. Web

Feature	Barton Library	Web
<b>Access</b>	Library resources are available to all Barton students, faculty and staff, whether on or off campus.	Websites are available to anyone with an internet connection.
<b>Information Available</b>	Patrons have access to the library's databases, print books, and periodicals, as well as materials from other libraries through interlibrary loan.	Website may contain only small parts of a book or an article rather than all the information available from that resource.
<b>Organization</b>	Barton Library has its print materials cataloged, allowing patrons to search for topics of choice in the online catalog.	Websites do not have a standard for organization or cataloging, making resources harder to find.
<b>Assistance</b>	Staff are available to answer questions during the library's hours of operation. Patrons can also ask questions via the library's email when the library is closed.	Websites do not have a dedicated person to handle questions.
<b>Costs</b>	Library resources, including databases, are free to use.	Some resources on the web require you to pay in order to view their content.
<b>Credibility</b>	Resources provided by the library are selected from reputable sources, allowing their content to be easier to evaluate.	Any person or entity can create content for the web. Therefore, the information on websites has uncertain credibility.
<b>Curriculum Support</b>	The library selects resources to support Barton's programs, students, and faculty.	While websites can be focused on a specific subject or topic of interest, they may not provide the information to support Barton programs.
<b>Citation Assistance</b>	Databases at Barton Library provide citation tools for MLA, APA, and other formats. OWL Purdue is another citation tool that can be accessed directly from library computers.	On the web, it is up to the user to discover the information needed for a citation. Websites do not provide citation tools for their users.
<b>Personal Information</b>	Barton Library will only ask for information necessary to create a patron account. This information is used for the circulation of library materials. The library protects this information.	Websites, which may not be secured, may ask for personal information in order to use their services and gain access to their content.