

**“FINDING (or IDENTIFYING) BOOKS”**  
**Brown University Library**  
**Video Transcript**

ANDY enters the Rock and walks over to the reference desk where BRITTANY is working.

ANDY: Hey, uh, where are the books?

BRITTANY gives ANDY an odd look.

ANDY: (explaining) I need some books.

BRITTANY: It sounds like you want Josiah. You can use Josiah right over there.

BRITTANY motions towards the lobby computers.

ANDY: OK. So Josiah’s the guy with all the books over there?

ANDY motions past the lobby computers to a guy reading at a table.

ANDY: (directed at the guy) Hey! Josiah!

BRITTANY: Shh! No. Follow me.

BRITTANY motions for ANDY to follow and makes her way over to the lobby computers. ANDY follows, still intent on contacting the guy.

ANDY: Josiah! Hook me up!

BRITTANY: Quiet! This is a library! And Josiah isn’t a person; it’s an online catalog of library holdings here at Brown.

ANDY: So... books, right?

BRITTANY: Well, it’s much more than just books. With Josiah you can search over two million titles to locate books, periodicals, newspapers...

ANDY: (interrupting) That’s great. But I’m really just looking for books.

BRITTANY: Books, periodicals, newspapers, electronic resources such as databases on the web, music scores, sound recordings, audiovisual materials, and Brown University theses.

ANDY: So about the books...

BRITTANY: Josiah also includes partial information for U.S. Government documents, United Nations Documents, sheet music in the John Hay Library, maps, broadsides, slides, photographs, manuscripts, and archives.

ANDY: OK. I get it. Lot's of crap. Now about my books: I need to find something about...

BRITTANY: (interrupting) One important thing to note is that Josiah doesn't include information on the individual articles within journals, periodicals, and newspapers.

ANDY waits, expecting BRITTANY to continue. After a moment, ANDY looks as if he's about to talk, but BRITTANY begins first.

BRITTANY: With Josiah you can search by title, author, title and author combined, keyword, subject heading, or call number. You can also filter your search results by library location, language, format, year of publication, publisher, or by specific words.

ANDY: (pleasantly phony and friendly/casual) Hey. Question.

BRITTANY: Yes.

ANDY: What if, like, hypothetically, I'm looking for a book. Not a broadside, whatever the hell that is, but a book. Any tips?

BRITTANY: Didn't you just hear all that stuff I just said?

ANDY: I just heard "yap I just want a simple way to find books. Keyword: simple.

BRITTANY: OK. If you know the title or author, use the appropriate search. For subject searches, use the "Words in subjects, titles, authors,..." search. When you find a good match, you can use the subject headings to find similar resources. If you want to save your search results, you can print them, e-mail them, or save them to disk in a variety of formats including EndNote.

ANDY: OK, that's pretty easy.

BRITTANY: But wait. There's more.

ANDY: Not for me.

BRITTANY: With Josiah, you can also display items on Course Reserve by instructor or course number, check your own circulation record and even have circulation notices sent to you by e-mail.

It is now a wider shot from behind BRITTANY and ANDY, who are working at the computer. LIBRARIAN appears suddenly, just barely leaning on screen.

LIBRARIAN: Josiah was named after the fictitious Professor Josiah S. Carberry.

LIBRARIAN disappears.

ANDY: What was that?

BRITTANY: What was what?

ANDY: (pause) Nothing.

ANDY and BRITTANY turn back to the Josiah terminal.

BRITTANY: There are dedicated Josiah terminals set up near library service points and on most stack levels, but you can access Josiah from any computer by going to <http://library.brown.edu>. And if you're ever not sure what to do, just click on "Help."