RACHEL'S TWITTER CHEAT SHEET
Second Life & Twitter for Librarians

Basic commands:

@username = reply / mention
> "@bananasuit Nice bananasuit!"

d username = direct (private) tweet
> "d bananasuit Want to meet up and go bananasuit shopping?"

RT @username = retweet what someone else said
> "RT @bananasuit 5% of Americans now own bananasuits"

#keyword = hashtag
> "I think I'm ready to take the plunge and get a #bananasuit"

Handy Add-ons & Tools:

TweetDeck
> A very user-friendly interface for using Twitter (and other social media services) straight from your computer desktop

twictionary.pbworks.com
> A wiki-style dictionary for Twitter

twitpic.com
> Shares your photos on Twitter

twanslate.com
> Translates phrases from one language to another using Twitter

www.botanicalls.com/kits
> Sends you Twitter updates when its time to water your plants

mytweetcloud.com
> Generates a tag cloud to show you what you tweet about most often

tweetstats.com
> Graphs your Twitter stats

twittearth.com
> Plots Tweets on a visual map of the earth

twitturly.com
> Shows you what links are being shared most often on Twitter

Shortcuts:

GET username = grabs the last tweets from a user
"GET bananasuit"

WHOIS username = a quick way of checking out a user
"WHOIS bananasuit"

FAV username = adds the last tweet by that user to your favorites
"FAV bananasuit"

FROM:username = to see the tweets that user has sent
"from:bananasuit"

TO:username = to see who has publicly sent that user tweets
"to:bananasuit"

"" = quotation marks will find an exact phrase match
"Har Mar Superstar"

OR = works just like the Boolean operators
"Har Mar Superstar" OR "Sean Tillman"

MINUS = use the minus / hyphen sign
"Har Mar" -Superstar

NEAR = filters your tweets by location
"Twins" near:55105

WITHIN = targets your search query by distance
"The Office" near:Minneapolis within:15mi
"The Office" near:London within:25km

SINCE / UNTIL = narrows results by date
Franken since:2009-07-07
Franken until:2009-07-07

FILTER:LINKS = unearths tweets with third part links
"Garrison Keillor" filter:links

ADVANCED SEARCH
For anything else, you can use Twitter's advanced search form:
http://search.twitter.com/advanced
OR check out Twitter's compilation of shortcuts:
http://search.twitter.com/operators

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