Library Reading List Tool for Moodle

Overview

The Moodle Reading List add-on provides access to library resources from within Moodle using the Library’s OneSearch research tool. It allows you to easily create readings lists for your courses that link directly to library resources, without the need to obtain persistent URLs, or leave the Moodle system.

With the Reading List, you can:
- Create custom reading lists to resources available through Library databases without leaving the Moodle site
- Annotate and reorder readings as you see fit
- Include links to external websites that can be annotated and reordered as well
- Create as many reading lists as you need
- Share readings lists with other faculty
- Avoid copyright issues by linking directly to articles in library databases

The Moodle plug-in uses Learning Technologies Interoperability (LTI) protocol to work seamlessly with Moodle and the Library’s OneSearch tool to create custom reading lists for students.

For an overview of the tool, see the following YouTube video created by EBSCO: http://youtu.be/RfUgYmiYeXc

Instructions

1. **Login** to your Moodle course for the given semester.

2. Click on “**Turn editing on**” on the top right corner to enable editing.

3. Go to the week/time period you would like to add a Reading List for and click the “**Add an activity or resource**” link.
4. In the Activities menu, select “Reading List” and click Add. The following form will appear:

5. Fill in the following details in the form:
   a. Activity name: This is the name of the reading list you would like to create, e.g. GroupThink Readings OR Week 2 Readings
   b. Click “Save and display” at the bottom of the form to add readings

6. On the subsequent page, the following search box will appear:

7. Add your search terms to the search box to begin your search. On the subsequent page, you will see a list of results. You can refine these results by:
   - Scholarly (peer-reviewed) journals
   - Format (e.g. journal magazine, or newspaper articles)
   - Publication
   - Content Provider (e.g. Communication & Mass Media Complete, Humanities Full Test, Science Direct, etc.)
8. When you see a reading you would like to add to your Reading List, click the Add to Reading List button. Repeat for all articles you would like to add.

When done, scroll to the top of the page and click “See Current Reading List” to review titles selected. From here, you can also:

1. Add annotations for each reading
2. Reorder readings using the Sort Order field
3. Add links to resources available elsewhere
4. Optionally, click the “Click here to make this list public” link which will allow other instructors to see and make copies of your list within their own course website.

9. When you return to your course homepage, the reading list will appear under the section like so:
**Student View**

When students click the link to the reading, they will see a page like this, with links taking them directly to the reading on the Library’s website.

For more information or help with using the Reading List tool, contact e-Resources librarian, Nancy Schuler at schulenl@eckerd.edu (x8357).