Library Resource Builder: Introduction

This short video is an introduction to Library Resource Builder. This tool allows faculty to create course reading lists and organize E-reserves directly in Blackboard.

Library Resource Builder allows instructors, teaching assistants and course builders in Blackboard to create curated reading lists for their classes using the library's databases. Instead of downloading an article and then uploading it onto Blackboard or trying to find a separate permanent link, Library Resource Builder lets you set up links directly to materials through the library’s resources. Faculty can also create lists to keep track of readings related to their own research.

Library Resource Builder pulls directly from Sacred Heart University library's QuickSearch, which searches across the library's resources to find books, ebooks and articles. The search in Library Resource Builder acts the same as any other library database search. You can use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in your search string to help with relevance, particularly in keyword searching.

With Library Resource Builder you can seamlessly integrate library resources and increase student engagement with research. You can organize course readings by week or in individual modules and then
reuse existing private and public lists. Public lists can be shared across departments and courses, making it easy to collaborate with fellow faculty on teaching, learning and research.

The Library Resource Builder tool allows you to easily select appropriate readings for your courses while providing similarly easy access to those readings for your students. You will be able to track the number of clicks and the library will see which resources are being used the most.

To learn more about using Library Resource Builder, watch parts II and III of this Faculty Files series, which are both linked below.

For further assistance with Library Resource Builder, or with any other questions, feel free to contact us at the library!