

Creating Reading Lists in Blackboard Using Library Database Content

If you would like to insert into your course timely and reputable articles from journals, magazines or newspapers, but have been concerned with copyright issues or linking difficulties, here is a solution for you. It is possible to create lasting links in Blackboard to articles from many of the databases to which the Learning Resource Centre/Library subscribes.

The two database vendors at Algonquin which permit the creation of reading lists are EBSCO and Proquest. The databases provided by each vendor cover a wide range of topics and titles and provide full-text content to many major Canadian newspapers, leading journals and well known magazines.

A library account is necessary to be authenticated to use these databases off campus. If you are working from home, make sure you have a Library account and have remote access to the Learning Resource Centre/Library databases. Once you have created and placed the links in Blackboard, all you and your students will require to view the material is your Blackboard login.

Warning: *When you generate links remotely (off campus), the database will add an authentication code to the URL. This will cause your students to have to authenticate themselves before viewing the article off campus. To avoid this remove the authentication code to from the URL prior to pasting it into your external links.*

Example:

Generated link to an article

<http://proquest.umi.com.rap.bibliocentre.ca/pqdweb?did=1412389121&sid=1&Fmt=3&clientId=28716&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

Remove - rap.bibliocentre.ca

It is essential to test links you have placed in your course in both the on campus and off campus environment.

Capturing Links from EBSCO Databases

Persistent linking lets users retrieve an EBSCO*host* article by clicking on a link embedded in a web site. This feature lets professors, teachers, and librarians include links to articles within EBSCO*host* on their web pages.

1. Choose EBSCO database (All EBSCO databases may be searched concurrently).
2. Do your search.
3. To acquire the correct URL to create a persistent link you can open the article to reveal a description that includes an annotated bibliography as well as the persistent link.

Title: How red wine 'magic ingredient' aims to beat diseases of ageing

Authors: [Nigel Hawkes Health Editor](#)

Source: [Times, The \(United Kingdom\)](#); 09/10/2007

Accession number: 7EH1332834544

Persistent Link to This record:

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=rch&AN=7EH1332834544&site=ehost-live>

Database: Canadian Reference Centre

1. You can cut and paste this link into a document.
2. You can email the document to yourself to record the persistent link. For peace of mind, the e-mailing feature creates a record of the links you have created in case of errors or if changes are necessary.
3. You can save several records to a folder and e-mail them to yourself as a group.

Capturing Links from Proquest Databases

1. Choose Proquest database (All Proquest databases may be searched concurrently)
2. Do your search
3. To acquire the correct URL to create a durable link to the article you:
 - a. Open the article. This will reveal a description that may include an annotated bibliography. You will find **Copy Link** above the title of your document, along with other options for handling the document you are reading. When you click **Copy Link**, it will open a window with the durable link to the document. You can use this URL to return to the document in the future.

Copy the durable link for this document

Copy URL below & paste into your document

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1340003531&sid=5&Fmt=3&clientId=28716&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

- b. You can create a webpage of your links that can be placed in a document, rather than individual links. To do this mark more than one article from your research results. Multiple marked articles are saved in your **Research** tab – which is found at the top of the search screen. The **Research** tab displays your marked documents and gives you the option to; create your bibliography, e-mail your documents with a bibliography, export citations and create a webpage. The create a webpage feature permits you to download your documents as a webpage (containing the citations and durable links to the documents).
- c. E-mailing an article will also generate a durable link at the end of the text.