QUICKSTART: EBSCO Reading List Builder Tool – Blackboard Integration

Using the EBSCO Reading List Builder tool (formally known as SCC Library Curriculum Builder) in Blackboard, faculty can simultaneously search the library’s catalog and the EBSCO databases using the SmartSearch interface to locate all types of resources (books, articles, videos, etc.) and select specific resources for student use by creating reading lists. In addition, EBSCO partner databases, i.e., Films on Demand and Gale Virtual Reference Library, are searched simultaneously as well. Non-EBSCO sources can be entered and added to the reading lists.

Benefits of using the EBSCO Reading List Builder tool through the EBSCO SmartSearch interface include: ease of use in finding sources and creating reading lists, avoidance of copyright issues, and collection of accurate database usage statistics.

Accessing EBSCO Reading List Builder Tool in a Blackboard Course

1. Select from the navigation menu the Content heading
   
   **NOTE:** You may have renamed the “Content” heading something else

2. Select the Tools button

3. Select **EBSCO Reading List Builder** from the list of available tools
4. Type in the **Name** for the Reading List
5. Click the **Submit** button

**NOTE:** The Reading List Name is listed as a link with the other course documents, files, and links

6. Click on the **Reading List Name link**

**NOTE:** This link launches the SmartSearch interface for faculty to search and add items to the Reading List
Searching SmartSearch in EBSCO Reading List Builder Tool in a Blackboard Course

7. **Active Reading List Name** is listed

8. **Links include** Return to Course and See Current Reading List

9. Enter **Search Words** as either a Keyword, Author, or Title search; Click **Search button**

10. **Links to** Help and SCC Library Contact

11. Use the **Refine Search** options listed on the left side of the screen to narrow or broaden the search results. Click on the **Update button** to apply the limits

12. **Select Add to Reading List button** to include the resource in the Reading List

13. **Click on See Current Reading List**
View and modify the Reading List created

14. Resources added from SmartSearch and EBSCO Partners databases are listed. At the item level, resources can be:
   - Annotated using Add Notes
   - Reordered using Sort Order
   - Deleted using the Delete button

15. At the resource level, resources can be managed by:
   - Adding from a separate list using Import from Existing List
   - Marking Private for instructor/class use only, or Public for sharing with other instructors
   - Filing in separate folders using Add Folder, or displaying as one list
   - Adding content using Add Text or Instructions to outline additional reading assignments from a print textbook to the Reading List
   - Adding Web based sources using Add Web Resource to the Reading List

Student View

16. Use the Student Preview feature within Blackboard to verify how the Reading List appears to students. When the student accesses a resource from the Reading List, it will open in a separate window.