

MOODLE: INTEGRATING LIBRARY RESOURCES

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The Libraries are full of interesting materials that can supplement your course and your Moodle sites such as images, articles, ebooks, videos, music and more.

View examples within Moodle: <http://z.umn.edu/4f8>

COURSE READINGS: ARTICLES, EBOOKS, ETC.

Why use links through the Libraries in your courses?

- Make use of the large, high-quality collections of the University Libraries
- Don't make your students pay for the same article/source twice by requiring course packets
- Ensures all students (both on-campus and off-campus) have access to the desired source
- Conforms to the University licensing agreement for use of database subscriptions
- No need to worry about potential copyright issues

Note: Just grabbing the URL in your browser bar won't work (or it will only work for a short time or not for off-campus access) due to the complex way the links are generated.

How to link to articles from Moodle:

Learn how to get to the "persistent" link to add to your Moodle:

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/instruction/instructorsupport>

OR let us do it for you: *University Libraries Course Reserves Service*

Send us your syllabi or reading list and we will 1.) Get the materials if needed and 2.) Post electronically or put on reserve through the Libraries. You will get an access code to share with students.

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/services/reserves>

LIBRARY COURSE PAGE

We bring together all of a course related library resources on one page including basic subject resources, course reserves (if using), subject librarian, course-specific tab (if using), and "Ask a Librarian 24/7" widget. This is available as a "block" in Moodle.

Find your course at <http://www.lib.umn.edu/#courses>

The screenshot shows the 'LIBRARY COURSE PAGE' for CHEM 2301. The page is titled 'CHEM 2301' and 'CHEM 2301: Organic Chemistry I'. It includes a search bar at the top right, a chat widget on the left, and a list of resources for the course. The resources listed are: Abstracts and Indexes, General Reference Sources, Statistics and Data, and Academic or Scholarly Articles Subject Indexes. There is also a 'Full Index' section. The page is designed to provide easy access to course-related library resources.

Library Course Page Block

Go to Block>Add>Select Library Resources

Configuring a Library Resources block

Configure block to display:

- Library search
- Course-specific resources
- Course reserves
- Link to personal account
- Chat with a Librarian

- TC Libraries homepage
- TC Catalog
- Crookston Library homepage
- Crookston Catalog
- Duluth Library homepage
- Duluth Catalog
- Morris Library homepage
- Morris Catalog

Display these search engines in Library search:

- Ebscohost
- MNCAT Plus

Save changes



IMAGES

Images break up the content, provoke interest and appeal to visual learners. The University Libraries provide access to a variety of sources and offer suggestions on free sources to find more images.

- **Libraries Recommended Image Guides by Subject**
<https://www.lib.umn.edu/media/imageguide>
- **UMedia Archive**
<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/>
- **ARTstor**
<http://www.lib.umn.edu/get/12387>

Links to all of these resources can be found on the "Video and Media" tab of the Libraries Home page.

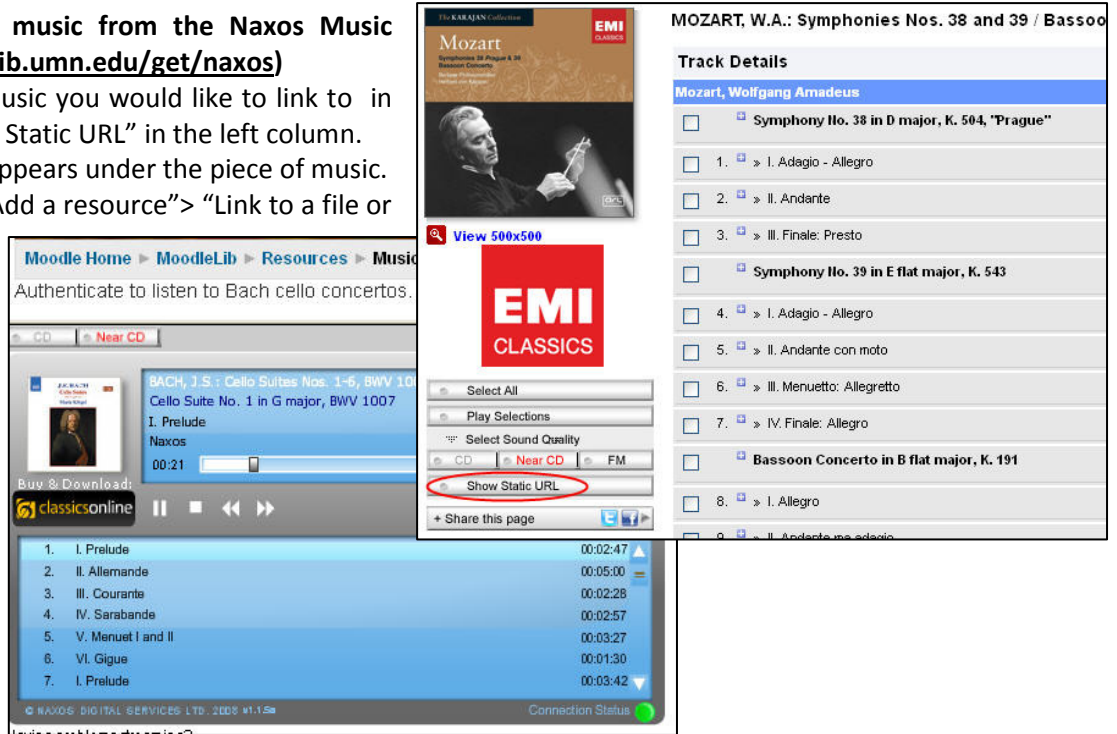


MEDIA, MUSIC AND MORE

The Libraries offer access to streaming educational videos and music, which can be embedded directly into your Moodle page. Because a library subscription is required for these resources, users will need to authenticate before they will appear.

Example: Embedding music from the Naxos Music Library (<http://www.lib.umn.edu/get/naxos>)

1. Find the piece of music you would like to link to in Naxos and click "Show Static URL" in the left column.
2. Copy the URL that appears under the piece of music.
3. In Moodle, select "Add a resource"> "Link to a file or web site" and paste the URL into the "Location" box. This will embed the Naxos music player into a page on your Moodle site.

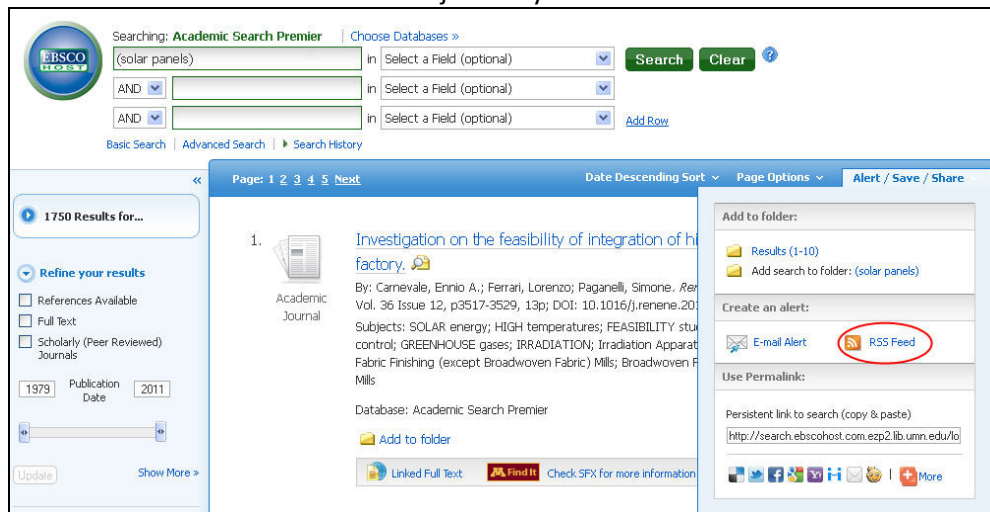


This will work for playlists as well as individual pieces.

DYNAMIC CONTENT: RSS

RSS feeds can be used to add dynamic content to your Moodle page. In addition to news feeds, you can link to saved searches through library databases and journal tables of contents.

1. Locate the feed for the search or journal you would like to add.



2. Use “Blocks”>”Add”>”Remote RSS Feeds” to add an RSS block.
3. Edit the block: Use the “Manage all my feeds” tab to add your RSS feeds, then the “Configure this block” tab to determine how it will look.

Tip: Multiple feeds can be combined in one block

EMBEDDING TUTORIALS, WORKSHOPS AND YOUTUBE

The Libraries have a growing number of recorded workshops and tutorials that can be embedded directly into Moodle page. We can also help identify YouTube or other video created by others to support your teaching.

1. Identify video and locate “embed code” and “copy”
2. Use “add a resources”>“Insert a label” >toggle to HTML>paste “embed” code

More ideas:

- Each department has its own librarian. Add a librarian as TA or Instructor. We can moderate questions in a forum, integrate resources, create quizzes, etc. Find your department’s librarians: <http://www.lib.umn.edu/about/selectors> to start the process.
- Emphasize any resource or service using an image and link it. For example, use the “HTML” block to add an image or logo and link it. For example, add “RefWorks” to the right side bar.



Questions?

- Contact your subject librarian (log in to “Ask a Librarian” tab for contact information) or contact Megan Kocher (mkocher@umn.edu) or Kate Peterson (katep@umn.edu).