### Maximising the use of resources

# the marriage behind a reading list system and Ex Libris products

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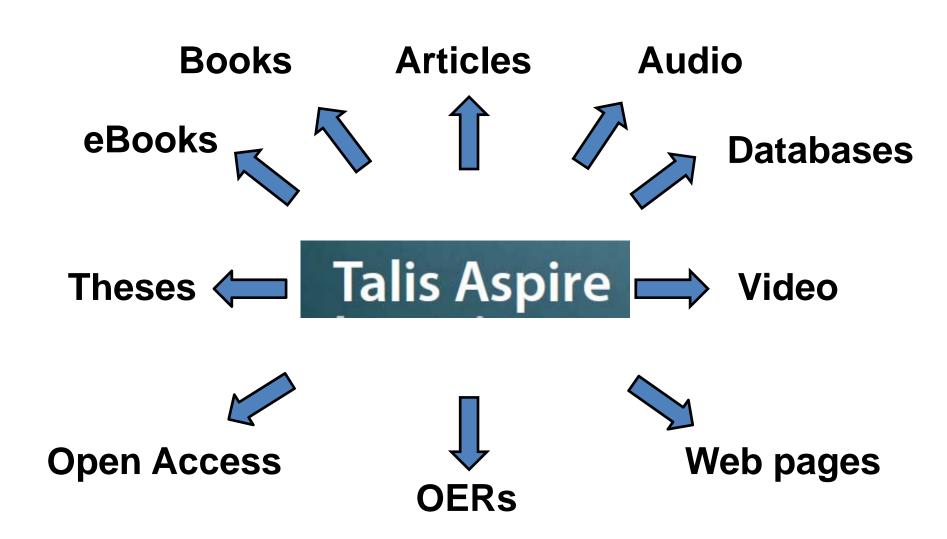


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## Taking the library to the user

- A realisation that some students no longer visit the library and may not search for the OPAC.
- Libraries are competing for real estate on the prime web pages
- Student portal/VLE/webparts
- Part of a strategy of placing links on the student desktop





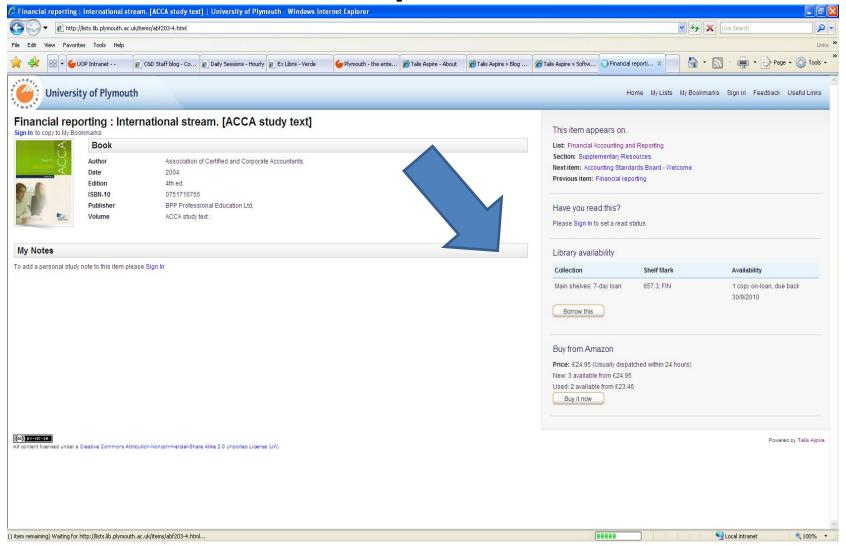
### Aspire tools

- Bookmarklet tool aids the harvesting of citations from catalogue and elsewhere into the list.
- Recent enhancement recommends titles used in similar lists based on circulation data.

### Advantages

- Resources grouped to match study pattern
- Simplifies access to journal articles.
- Some formats not traditionally catalogued
- Tagging.
- If academics can be persuaded to list only those resources we own or have access to, we can reduce our use of inter library loan.

### Aspire



#### Library availability

Collection	Shelf Mark	Availability
Main shelves: 7-day loan	657.3; FIN	1 copy on-loan, due back
		30/9/2010

#### Buy from Amazon

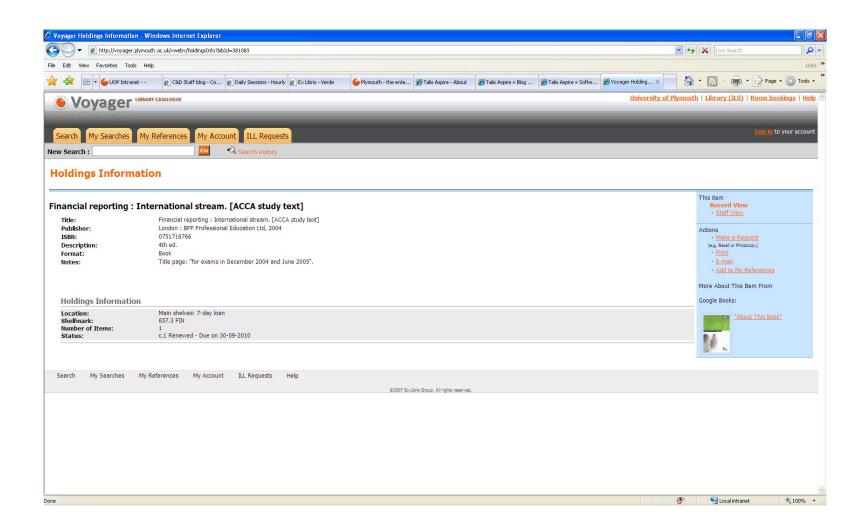
Price: £24.95 (Usually dispatched within 24 hours)

New: 3 available from £24.95

Used: 2 available from £23.46

Buy it now

# WebVoyage



### Drawbacks

- Only suitable for taught courses/UG
- Not all lecturers use resource lists
- Not all lecturers will engage with Aspire
- Cannot replace all OPAC functionality

### **Statistics**

- 200 modules
- 500 lists
- 9,000 visits
- 5,700 unique visitors
- If a good percentage of these users are using our resources solely as a result of finding them via Aspire..... It is money well spent.

### Thank you

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