Maximising the use of resources
the marriage behind a reading list system and Ex Libris products

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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**

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New: 3 available from £24.95

Used: 2 available from £23.46

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Holdings Information

Financial reporting : International stream. [ACCA study text]

Title: Financial reporting : International stream. [ACCA study text]
Publisher: London : BPP Professional Education Ltd, 2004
ISBN: 0751767666
Description: 4th ed.
Format: Book
Notes: Title page: "For exams in December 2004 and June 2005."

Holdings Information

Location: Main shelves: 7-day issue
Shelfmark: 627.3 F81
Number of items: 1
Shelfmark: C. L. Hattersley - Due on 30/HF/2010
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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