Bookmarking Web pages, online audio/video, and other online materials in Aspire

Are you set up for Aspire bookmarking? If not, follow the instructions in Getting started with Aspire.

1. Go to Aspire (via Reading Lists on the Library home page) and log in as usual (see Getting Started)

2. On the Web, find the page or document you want. (For online video and audio, see over the page.)

3. Many Web pages create bookmarks that have almost no information in them (no author, title, date etc). This causes problems for students knowing what the page is and being able to reference it correctly, and for you if you want to generate a Harvard bibliography from your Aspire list later.

4. The solution to this is to add and amend as much of the information as you can (Tip: use CTRL-click when you click on Add to my bookmarks if you want to get the bookmark screen in a separate tab and still have the Web page information in the original tab.)

The example below comes from a Government department Web site:

Author, title and date all appear on the document, but none of them make it into the bookmark, which only has a URL.

Select the information you want to add from the “Add field” menu (eg Author), click Add, and then fill the information in. Repeat this for each piece of information you want to add.

You now have a much more complete bookmark which will give students better information on your list.
Bookmarking videos and audio from Box of Broadcasts

6. If you want students to view a programme (or a clip) from a UK broadcaster, the Library recommends that you do so through our Box of Broadcasts (BoB) service.

7. This provides legal, licensed access to UK TV and radio programmes and the links are guaranteed to remain – if you find clips from UK TV programmes on YouTube, they have usually been illegally uploaded and as well as infringing copyright, your links may well break if the broadcaster asks YouTube to take the clip down.

8. You can find BoB under “Databases” on the Library Web site.

9. Once you’ve identified a programme or clip on Box of Broadcasts, or created a playlist, it’s easy to bookmark its link in the usual way in Aspire, and then add information in the Student Notes field about what the clip shows or how long it is.

10. Ask your Academic Liaison Librarian if you need more information about using Box of Broadcasts: you can find their contact details at http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/

11. Don’t forget to click Create or Create and Add to List. You can then drag the bookmark into whichever lists you want.

Bookmarking videos from YouTube

12. Check that the YouTube video is legitimate, i.e. that it was uploaded by its creator and isn’t an illegal copy of a broadcast or commercial video. If you’re unsure, ask your Academic Liaison Librarian.

13. Bookmark the YouTube link.

14. Make sure the Resource Type showing is “Audiovisual Document”.

15. Add any fields which are missing for which you have the information, such as Author and Date.

16. Click either Create or Create & Add to List

17. When you add the bookmark to lists, in the Note for Student field it may be helpful to add extra information about the video’s length and/or content.

18. Remember to Publish your list once you’ve finished making all your changes to it – otherwise your students won’t see your updates and the Library won’t know that you have updated the list!