Embedding readings from your Aspire list in your Moodle course

You can add a Reading List block to your Moodle course which provides a link to the whole list. (See our separate guide “Linking your Aspire reading list to your module in Moodle”.)

However, you can also embed specific sections of your Aspire reading list into your Moodle course, so that your students see the readings within the Moodle page. If you then update the Aspire list, the embedded readings update automatically – so you don’t have to do the work twice.

For this to work, your list has to be organised into sections. All the items in a given section will embed.

(If, for example, you have a reading list section called "Week One Readings" which contains 5 items, but you only want to embed the two key readings for that week, your list would need to have a subsection called "Week One Key Readings" containing just those two readings.)

Log in to Moodle
Find your course
Turn editing on
Go into course section where you want to embed readings
Click "Add an activity or resource"
From Resources, select "Course Resource List" and Add.
Name the readings (the name doesn’t have to be the same as either the course section or the list section)

Choose Inline (which will embed the readings in the course page) or New Page (which will open them on a separate page) - Inline is probably more obvious to the student

Tick “Show list sections expanded” so that students can see the readings clearly

Click "Link to resource list or section"

You may be asked to Log In (to Aspire) at this point if you weren’t already.

Now you get to select the reading list and the section you want.

If your Moodle course and your Aspire list both have the same module code, Moodle will locate the list automatically.

If not, you’ll be offered a search box to find the list you want.

Once you’ve selected the list, then as long as it has sections, a sections pull-down menu appears. Choose the section you want to embed.

Finally, Save - then turn editing off and your readings will be embedded!

If you need any help, just get in touch with your Academic Liaison Librarian – you can find their details at https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/