Embedding weekly readings from Aspire in Moodle

We have a separate guide, *Linking your Aspire reading list to your module in Moodle*, which shows you how to create a Reading List block on your Moodle module page which links directly to your whole Aspire reading list.

However, you can also embed individual weekly (or topic) readings from sections of an Aspire list into different sections of a Moodle module page. There is only one prior requirement: **your Aspire list has to be linked to the Moodle page’s module number** (using “Link to Hierarchy” in Aspire under the “Edit” menu).

1. Make sure you’re logged in to Aspire (see the *Getting Started* guide).

2. Go into the Moodle course where you want to embed readings, and turn editing on.

3. Open the section where you want to embed readings, click **Add an activity or resource**, scroll down to **RESOURCES** and select **Aspire resource list**, then click **Add**.

4. Under **Resource list name** fill in what you want to call the readings on the Moodle page, eg “Readings for Week 1”.

5. If you wish, fill in **Description** text such as “Please read at least one of these before attending Monday’s seminar.” If you want students to see that text on the Moodle page, make sure you’ve ticked the **Display description on course page** box.

6. Then scroll down to the “Select resources” section. You’ll see all the sections and items from your Aspire list here. You can select whichever items you want from any section of the list, and there are “Select all” buttons for each section if you want to select the whole of a section.

7. Once you’ve selected all your readings, scroll down to the bottom of the page and **Save**.

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8. If you then Return to Course and switch Editing off, you’ll see your heading (eg “Week 1 readings” in the course section you chose. Open it with the right-arrow and you’ll see the individual readings displayed as they will appear to students.

- Clicking the item title (in blue) will take students to that item in the Aspire list, in a new window or tab.
- If the item is online, clicking the button will take students into the e-book, online journal article or document, via their Brookes Login if required.

That’s all you need to do!

9. **Please note**: because you can select or leave out any items from a section in an Aspire list, **updating your Aspire list will NOT automatically update readings in Moodle.** If you add/remove an item on your Aspire list after embedding readings in Moodle, and you want that change reflected in your embedded readings, you will need to come back into Moodle and update the readings by following this procedure again.

10. If you need any help, get in touch with your Academic Liaison Librarian: contact details available at [http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/)