Course Reserves & Beyond
Connecting Students to Course Materials

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Discovery and Connections

• It's all about discovery
• Breaking out of the box
• Alma toolbox
It's All about Discovery

Quirky in Primo

• Delay in publishing from Alma
• Confusing facets
• Limited number of courses in facets
Primo Reserves – Exact Match

Confusing facets when items are on reserve for multiple courses

Course facets do not include course you searched

And, if you click on one of the facets, you only get the items that are on reserve for both courses
Primo Reserves – Broad Search

Works as expected, except when there are too many matches

Limited to 40 facets so course you want might not be in the facets at all

Course facets – choose one course

More options – can choose multiple courses
It's All About Discovery
But It's NOT All about Ex Libris!
Alternate Discovery Paths

*Connect! Connect! Connect!*

- LMS – such as Canvas
- Institutional Portal
- Physical Library Space
- Classroom
- 3rd party software – such as ares
- Student directed reserves requests
- Build your own system
Alternate Discovery Path

Homegrown System
Student view of item record in Primo via Canvas
Reserve status managed with temporary locations and due back date
Title search results in Primo
Using existing database maintains historical and shared usage; allows easy retrieval for reuse; settings for copyright tracking. Data entry errors are biggest risk in running parallel systems.
Break Out of the Reserves Box

Other Course Support Options

• eBooks
  • Check the license! - Needs to allow many users at once

• Open Educational Resources
  • http://guides.lib.uw.edu/oer
  • Open textbooks – UW pilot
Sometimes It IS about Alma

Almost Ready for Prime Time

• Purchase requests within course reserves
  Works for books & journals, but not DVDs and other material types

• Automatic deletion of personal copies
  Doesn't work as advertised, on the Alma Roadmap for a fix with no date specified

• Using Analytics for tracking processing progress
  Has potential
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