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It's about time. Your time. Faculty time. Students' time.
Time for an e-reserves system that works for you.

Ares Benefits for Faculty and Students

Library staff are quick to recognize the benefits of using Ares for e-reserves, but sometimes faculty and students need a little help understanding the ways in which they can benefit from this technology. The following information is designed to help you explain why Ares is the right choice for your library.

FOR FACULTY

Ease of Use

- Faculty can check the accuracy and status of their reserves regularly.

- Instructors can place reserve requests online without needing to travel to the library.

- Instructors can access statistics on the website, eliminating the need for library staff to produce reports.

- Integration with external e-learning systems such as Blackboard, Moodle and Desire2Learn (D2L) means one login and interface, which simplifies access to course reserve information.

Workflow and Reports

- For electronic items placed on reserve in Ares (photocopied articles or chapters), faculty can see reports of what has been viewed by students and evaluate whether to continue putting the same material on reserve. Access to this data helps them manage what they put on reserve and identify readings that they may choose to remove, replace, or emphasize more in class.

- Library staff use Ares to clear copyright so that instructors can rest assured that their course reserves items have been cleared for use.

- Instructors can arrange their reserve items in a customized order and tag items to organize their course reserves. For example, they can tag them by week, exam, unit or topic.

Productivity

- The ability to clone items from previous or current courses eliminates the need for re-keying, reducing the amount of time it takes for faculty to prepare for classes each term.

- Ares reduces the reliance on email communication. Faculty can post almost any type of electronic file format allowed by reserves staff so all reserves can be handled in one place. Communication between faculty and library staff takes place within Ares, where everything is tracked.

- Ares allows for proxy instructors who can request reserve items for an instructor's course on their behalf.

- Instructors can receive notifications via email or RSS feed alerting them when reserves have posted so they have up to the minute access to new items.

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FOR STUDENTS

Ease of Use

- Integration with external e-learning systems such as Blackboard, Moodle and Desire2Learn (D2L) means one login and interface, which simplifies access to course reserve information. Course reserves are easily accessible from the course page.

- Access to print and e-reserves in one location, with the ability to organize items via tagging for ease of access.

- Students in a hurry (or who have forgotten some information) can search Ares for any item using any field—part of a book title, class name, or faculty name—to find what they need for the class.

Productivity

- Students can customize their own hot lists and alerts on their own class lists, creating reminders to themselves.

- Students can receive notifications via email or RSS feed alerting them when reserves have posted so they have up to the minute access to new items.

- Students can add personal tags to readings to help them organize the readings within a course.

- Students can easily export citations from their readings for use elsewhere.

- Students can download and save their readings to be read later offline.

" We're very happy with the service and productivity enhancements we've gained since making the switch from our previous reserves system. Our faculty members really like the capabilities they have in Ares. "

" The use of cloning has resulted in much better time to production during periods of increased volume. Cloning means less re-keying which reduces task time and diminishes errors. "

" With Ares, faculty can access their course reserves through Blackboard so there's just one login required. They can see all of their course reserves from the last five years. "

For more information visit www.atlas-sys.com/ares/ or email ares@atlas-sys.com.

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