Expanding the Learning Experience with Digital Library Resources

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- Incorporating digital library resources into your course web site or Blackboard course can enhance the teaching and learning experience.
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- Eliminating the constraints of class times and location for students in accessing study materials with links to:
  - readings in digital-based journals and e-books
  - librarian-developed research guides and tutorials
  - identifying resources throughout the city
  - learning tools developed and shared by other educators
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○ The Suffolk University Library System links your students to thousands of academic journals with literally millions of articles and other digital resources.
  ● subscription databases via the library’s homepage and proxy server
  ● online catalog
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- Reducing student costs for course packets by using persistent urls (PURLS), linking your electronic syllabus directly to digital resources
  - probably the most valuable part of the library’s efforts with Blackboard
  - most of the library’s databases already include the copyrights
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- Directing students to resources that previously were only known to teachers and experts in the field
  - librarian-developed discipline-based research guides
  - Google Scholar
  - WorldCat
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- Providing not only text articles but film, music, art images and science-oriented simulations and lab experiments
  - Merlot
  - Image resources via WorldCat
Via Blackboard

- Encouraging active learning and guiding students on a learning path that enables independent thinking and research
  - online tutorials
Library Support Services

- resource instruction for your course provided by reference librarians – in this room, or in your classroom
- Fenway Library Consortium
  - borrow books from area libraries