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Setting up links to your Talis reading list

Why is action required?

The August 2017 Blackboard upgrade introduced an issue with links to Talis from Blackboard courses. This will be resolved in a system upgrade scheduled for 17th-18th December.

Module convenors / list owners should not postpone the publication of their Spring Term 2018 reading lists until the Blackboard issue has been fixed.
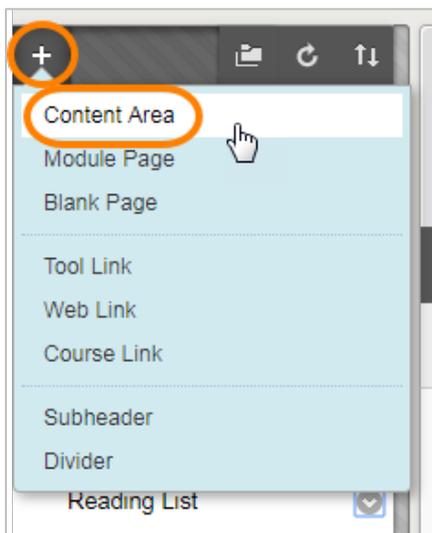
This guide presents a workaround which can be used now to enable students to access their module reading list from Blackboard.

Please note: This problem only affects courses where there is a link to Talis from the main course menu. Links from within course content areas are not affected by this issue.
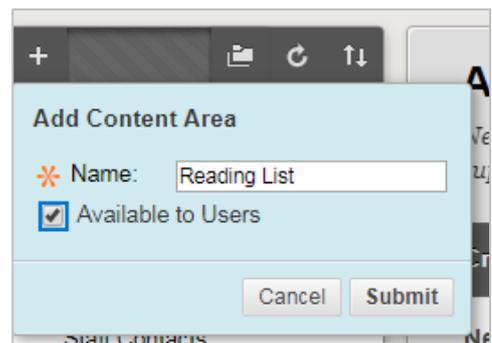
1. Create a new Reading List content area

ℹ️ You might decide that your Reading List links could sit in an existing area of your course, such as the 'About' or 'Learning Materials' area. In this case proceed direct to Step 2.

To create a new Reading List content area on the course:

Click on the + sign above the course menu, then on **Content Area**.

Type 'Reading List', make sure that 'Available to Users' is ticked, then **Submit**.
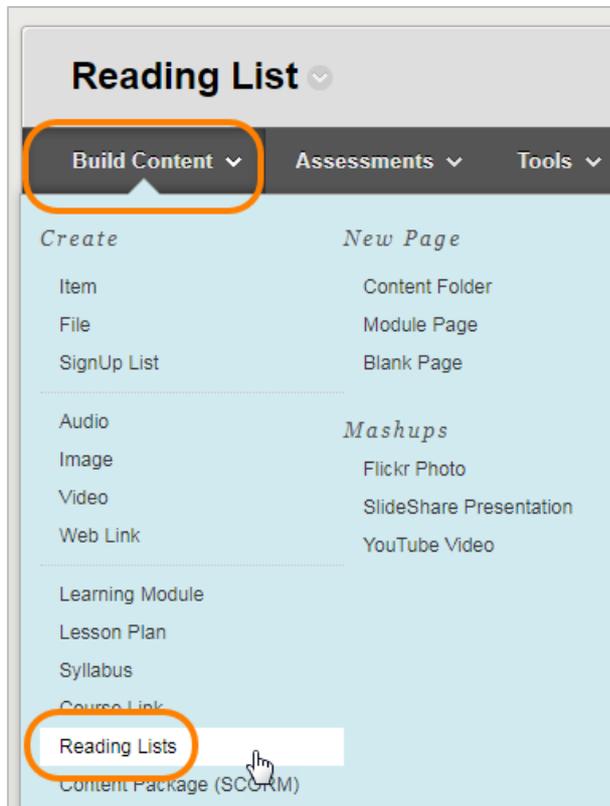
Drag the new item to the correct place on the menu.

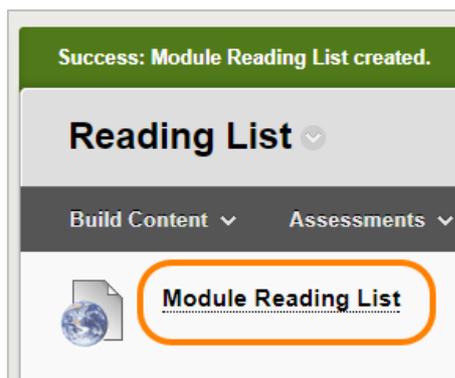## 2. Create a link to your reading list

Go into the new Reading List content area.

Click **Build Content > Reading Lists**.

Enter an appropriate name, e.g. 'Module Reading List' and press **Submit**.
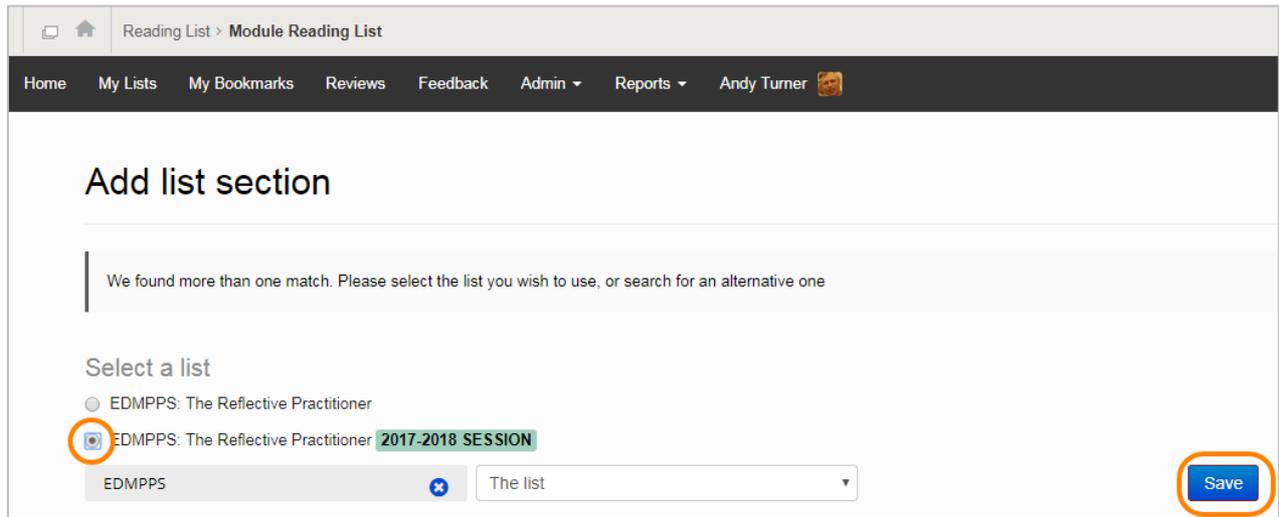
Click on the newly created link.

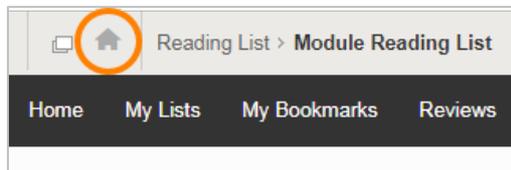The Talis reading list system will open inside Blackboard.

You may need to log on, using your normal username and password.

You will then see a list of all reading lists for this module code.

Select the correct 2017-18 reading list, and click **Save**.

Click the Home icon to return to your Blackboard course.

The link to Talis is now set up, and will work for your students when they click on the link.

Further help

You will find additional staff guides on Talis reading lists at http://libguides.reading.ac.uk/reading-lists/staff/introduction