



Integrating Library Resources into Blackboard Vista Classes

The library subscribes to many of the same digital resources that publishers include with the highest priced textbooks. Don't bring this added expense to the students; bring them the resources instead. Here are some tips and techniques for making these resources available through your Blackboard Vista classes or any class websites.

1. Add a link to the library web page on your course page.
<http://www.accd.edu/spc/admin/lrc/default.aspx>
2. Add a link to a particular electronic database you would like your students to use. As an example, here is a direct link to the [Health and Wellness Resource Database](#).

<https://tiger.accd.edu:4443/login?url=http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/HWRC;jsessionid=0B78F6535516C8942A4BF76989ABE66B?locID=txshracd2795>

or use a tiny url to change all this to <http://tinyurl.com/2n3ygo>

This long URL routes the student through the proxy so they can be authenticated as SPC students in order to access the resources from off-campus. Use www.tinyurl.com to easily convert long urls into well, tiny urls.

3. Add a link to a particular article within a database. Look for the persistent link for the article: Here's an example:
<https://tiger.spc.accd.edu:4443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=bth&AN=26961126&site=ehost-live>
with the link through the proxy server

now through www.tinyurl.com and use <http://tinyurl.com/32pzqr> which leads directly to Solheim, Mark K. "What you need to know about SMART phones. [Kiplinger's Personal Finance](#); Nov 2007, Vol. 61 Issue 11, p.24, 1p

4. Use the e-Journal locator service AtoZ (online resources) and direct your students to a particular journal, magazine, or newspaper that is required reading for your course.

For example, [Ethics & the Environment](#) is available full-text from Jan 1, 2001-Current and included in Academic OneFile Publication Issues.

If you need assistance with using any of these tips and techniques, I'd be happy to work with you. If you develop new ways of integrating library resources your courses, please let me know.