Reading list software – Rebuslist 2
What are reading lists?

Historically they are a list of books, chapters, journal articles and very rarely audio visual material.

Typically they are made available to the student at the start of their course.

Reading lists are often made available to the University library.
How do students view their readings list?

Students expect everything on a reading list to be available via the library.

Student like reading lists and expect them to be readily available.

Students expect reading lists to be up date.
Students like direction in their reading lists, so tags, or headings such as ‘essential’ or ‘wider reading’ are welcome.

Students expect reading lists to be comprehensive and authoritative – they don't expect to have to go beyond it.
What do staff think about reading lists?

Staff worry about ‘spoon feeding’ students

Many staff feel that the reading list is merely a guide

Staff expect students to seek out their own reading
Other considerations

Maintenance of lists – typically undertaken by library staff

Currency of lists – often static document – lists usually a word document

Length of lists – some list are extremely long
Learning Services introduced reading list software (Rebuslist by PTFS) last summer.