Course Reserve Module: The Strategic Connections

ABSTRACT
KOHA is an open source web-based integrated library system and being used by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) since 2009. One of the most important modules is Course Reserve Module where course-related items for academic programmes at the university are managed. The collection contains required reading materials including text books, theses, CD-ROMs, journals, and other related items in the library collections. USM Library is probably the first academic library that uses this module. It was initially initiated by one of the USM Library branches, the Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (AMDI) Library. In collaboration with AMDI Academic & Student Affairs Division, the library compiled lists of reading materials in various formats that are accessible via the WebOPAC to support AMDI's academic programmes. This effort has clearly shown the tangible connection that produce successful tangible results for the academic programmes and students. Hence, a clear proof on how technology is the way forward to humanise education in the era of 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR).

OBJECTIVE
- To support the curriculum and contribute to student success by making course materials available to students and raise student satisfaction rates overall.

METHODOLOGY
- By June 2017, AMDI Library has successfully completed preparing the course reserves modules for 7 academic programmes: MSc in Health Toxicology, MSc in Oral Science, MSc in Clinical Exercise Science, MSc in Medical Research, MSc in Transfusion Science and Master in Medicine (Transfusion Medicine), Master in Medicine (Nuclear Medicine).
- This module has covered 20 courses and 348 books to be accessed through WebOPAC (https://liba.usm.my/).

RESULT

NOVELTY
- By using a web based online system students have the option to access their learning materials at their convenience. The Course Reserve module allows, lecturers to update the library collections with new titles, edition and so on. The system will automatically update and students may view new items while they are searching the course programmes. This implementation and service should be a bench mark for other libraries.
- Through online list, it provides efficient record keeping and tracking for the ease of education audits and other purpose such as MQA audit and certification. The number of copies and location of every title search may be viewed from the OPAC throughout USM library-branches.
- Can replace a printed academic program guidebook of learning materials, as a more cost effective alternative. The program heads need only to provide the OPAC link for students to view or to get access themselves.

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