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Online Course Reserves Access (OCRA) is a service used to place books and other physical media on reserve at a Library location in addition to creating electronic reserves: links to e-books and other online content, digitization of articles, book chapters, full-length movies, short video clips, and audio files.

Instructors supply the citation information and/or the material to digitize, and Library and Academic Technology staff work together to do the rest. Instructors should remember to request a Canvas course website using [courses.brown.edu](#) and then [activate the E-Reserves](#) button in Canvas.

Benefits of using OCRA

- Faculty and students gain access to material that complies with [Copyright and Fair Use Guidelines](#) as outlined by the University.
- Faculty and students gain access to full-length films for streaming online for the duration of an academic semester.
- Library and Academic Technology staff work together to digitize content (i.e. scanning book chapters, digitizing films for streaming, etc.) and make the content available using Copyright guidelines.
- OCRA requests can be reactivated and edited each semester.
- OCRA and Online Movies can be linked directly to a Canvas course.

Getting Started

Faculty should request and reactivate course lists at [library.brown.edu/reserves](#). It may take up to 2 weeks to process requests for scanned materials and online films.

Faculty should [add non-registered users to Canvas as a TA or Designer](#) to gain access to the course E-Reserves and Online Movies.

Information for Students

What should students know about using this service?

Access to OCRA

Students can log in to [library.brown.edu/reserves](#) OR Canvas to access the list of reserves. If logging in through the Library website, the students will need to know the password set by the instructor.

More Information

- [Learn About Online Movies \(OCRA\)](#)
- [Library Ocra FAQ](#)

FAQs

Where do I request online reserves?

- Visit library.brown.edu/reserves

Where do I access my course's online reserves?

- If a course has a Canvas site, faculty and students can access the E-Reserves and Online Movies through canvas.brown.edu. Alternatively, students can access material through library.brown.edu/reserves.

Where can I get help?

- For questions or assistance in using E-Reserves contact your Reserve Unit Rock-Reserves@brown.edu or Sci-Circ@brown.edu. For films please contact Sci-Circ@brown.edu.
- For questions on your Canvas link to OCRA E-Reserves, contact your Instructional Designer at [Digital Learning & Design](#).
- For issues viewing Online Movies, contact the [IT Service Center](#):: call [\(401\)863-4357](tel:4018634357), email help@brown.edu, or stop by 115 Waterman St., Lobby (extended hours until 8pm on weekdays).
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