As part of UMUC’s continued commitment to improving the learning experience, The UMUC Library has purchased a new eReserves system that integrates with the new online classroom, LEO.

What are eReserves?
Electronic reserves (eReserves) materials are required course readings made available to students through their online classroom. These materials include journal articles, book chapters (no textbooks), lecture notes, images and links to web-based resources, including Internet sites and online databases. They are available to be viewed, downloaded and printed under the "Reserved Readings" within their classroom and the "eReserves" heading in LEO. Only students enrolled in the course and the teaching faculty/directors will be able to access the electronic reserved readings for that course.

What it Means To You:
What is known as Reserved Readings in WebTycho is called eReserves in LEO.

For the Library, the new system allows for easy management of eReserves requests. It has an integrated copyright management service which ensures that all items follow proper copyright guidelines and laws. Everything is centrally managed thereby increasing productivity and improving workflow for staff.

For Academic and Program Directors, the new system will allow you to easily request new items and mark them to be placed in all appropriate course sections. Items can also be imported from previous courses. Two years’ worth of historical data will be loaded into the new system upon transition. You will be able to track the status of the items as they are processed by the Library and made available to be seen by students. This is a major improvement over the previous Library eReserves database which could not accommodate direct Director requests.

For Faculty, a new step is discussing with your director and obtaining his/her approval for any items you would like to add to your courses that are in addition to the core eReserves already added by your director. You will also be able to easily request new items and include them in all sections you are teaching. Items can also be imported from previous courses. Two years’ worth of historical data will be loaded into the new system upon transition. You will be able to track the status of the items as they are processed by the Library and made available to be seen by
students. You will be able to do all of this from within LEO as well as going directly to the eReserves system from the UMUC Library Website.

For Students, the new system will allow direct access to eReserves from the LEO classroom as well as provide the ability to view all eReserves in all of their classes by going directly to the new system and logging in with their UMUC User ID and password.

Current eReserves in LEO:
New look of eReserves in LEO:

When will eReserves be Available?
Starting with the Summer 2014 semester, faculty who are currently teaching a course or have an upcoming course and directors can directly log into the system with their UMUC User ID and password. From within a class section in LEO, there is seamless integration with no additional login pages for faculty, directors and students.

Directors, in the model classrooms, will start seeing individual eReserves items being replaced with one single link to the new system. Clicking on this link in the model classroom will re-direct to the ARES login pages for access to the system.

Students will access eReserves through LEO in much the same way they access Reserved Readings in WebTycho. A new feature for students will be having access to all of their eReserves through this new system outside of LEO. All requests (both LEO and WebTycho) will be made through the new system.
Benefits:

- Ability to log in using single sign-on (network) credentials
- Academic/program directors will be able to log in and request items to be added to all course sections
- Faculty can easily request items to be added to all of their sections
- Import items from a previous course into a current or upcoming course
- Track status of requests
- Edit request if it has not yet been made available to students

Available Support:
Some brief help documentation and contact information is available on the Library Website.

Any Questions?
Please contact the eReserves Team at ereserves@umuc.edu.