



Enhancing Learning Affordability
A Leganto Impact Study



In spring 2016, the library of a top-ranked university in the southeastern United States selected the Ex Libris® Leganto course resource list solution to replace the school's e-reserves software and support teaching & learning by connecting resource lists to the school's Blackboard learning management system. Committed to providing students with class materials free of charge, the library was especially interested in taking advantage of the Leganto pay-per-use capabilities to acquire licenses for readings not covered by the school's library subscriptions. Having completed the technical implementation by mid-2016, the library spent another few months introducing Leganto to faculty members and other staff. Instructors were given the option of building Leganto reading lists by themselves or creating the lists with the library staff. The campus's academic technology and instructional resource center, along with the library, offered hands-on Leganto training to instructors.

#### SUMMARY OF INITIAL SAVINGS

Over the course of two academic terms, the library **saved an average of \$584 per course**, providing **2,780 students** with access to **3,871 readings** free of charge.

	Courses	Average Number of Readings per Course	Percent of Readings from Library Collection	Percentage of licensing fees saved by pay-per-use licensing
Fall semester 2016	150	15	59%	67%
Spring semester 2017	117	13	56%	75%

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

## Self-funding of Leganto from savings

In the two terms constituting the initial phase of the rollout (for less than 10% of the campus's courses), the savings realized in the copyright budget were greater than the cost of acquiring Leganto: the Leganto payper-use licensing saved the library more than \$155,000 during that time. In addition, by sparing library staff members the task of routine copyright processing, the library is now able to provide additional services at no additional staff cost. Future growth in course coverage is expected to increase the rate of savings.

## Deepening of library's relationship with campus partner

Connecting Leganto to Blackboard has enabled the library to further develop its collaboration with the instructional technology and resource center and co-create strategies to provide best-in-class services for the classroom, thus enhancing learning and improving student outcomes. The library and the center now work together regularly to promote Leganto and other library services.

## Using Leganto analytics to inform and advocate for budget allocations

It became clear that much of the library's copyright spending was going to a study program that was not supported by subscription collections. The library now uses data from Leganto analytics to advocate for budget allocations and make informed decisions on collection subscriptions versus pay-per-use licensing.

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