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## BACKGROUND

- Hibernia College library is a fully online library.
- Reading lists for all Hibernia College programmes are maintained by the library.
- Reading lists were previously provided in PDF format the maintenance of which was a cumbersome and time-consuming administrative burden.
- Feedback from students and meetings with academic staff generally indicated dissatisfaction with PDF reading lists. Broken links and issues finding items in the library were some of the main problems.
- In 2020, the library began using EBSCO Discovery Service. Included in the subscription was the reading list tool, Curriculum Builder. The tool was both cost-efficient and offered adequate functionality.
- Starting in August 2021, library staff began a migration project from the former PDF reading list format to the new reading list software.

## MIGRATION BENEFITS

- Student survey feedback has been generally positive.
- The new software has eased the administrative burden on the library.
- CB allows seamless access to library and online resources.
- Online reading list software is consistent with Hibernia College's fully digital library.
- CB integrates easily with the student VLE (Moodle).
- Academic staff reviewed all lists during migration. As a result, outdated and unavailable items were removed. It also strengthened collaboration between library and academic staff.
- The library benefited from the existing partnership with EBSCO in terms of support during the migration.

## MIGRATION CHALLENGES

- The volume of work to migrate initially was challenging.
- There is still an issue with broken links when items are removed from databases or when websites no longer work. Regular checks are necessary.
- Only very basic usage data for CB is available from EBSCO.
- The lists have the capacity to be ordered and for notes to be added, but a greater level of structural delineation or hierarchy for reading lists would be welcome.
- While student feedback is generally positive, especially in newer cohorts, cohorts who used the old and the new systems expressed a higher degree of dissatisfaction with the change.
- Confusion has been expressed from some academic staff regarding the new software and how it works.

# ENHANCING STUDENT ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT: A READING LIST MIGRATION PROJECT

In late 2021 Hibernia College library began migrating reading lists on the student VLE from PDF to EBSCO Curriculum Builder (CB) software. Following student surveys, an improvement in the student experience of reading lists was observed. The move reduced library staff's administrative load and improved reading list management. The migration project is in its final stages, but next steps will need to be considered.

## NEXT STEPS

- Continue and complete that migration project for all reading lists.
- Offer more support and instruction to academic staff and students regarding Curriculum Builder.
- Initiate a feedback mechanism for students regarding broken links and other reading list issues to minimise frustration and inform further improvements.
- Put in place a system of regular reading list reviews to identify and fix broken links.
- Curriculum Builder will be phased out by 2024 and replaced with a new LTI integration. Another migration will be required at this point, either to EBSCO's new tool or to other reading list software.



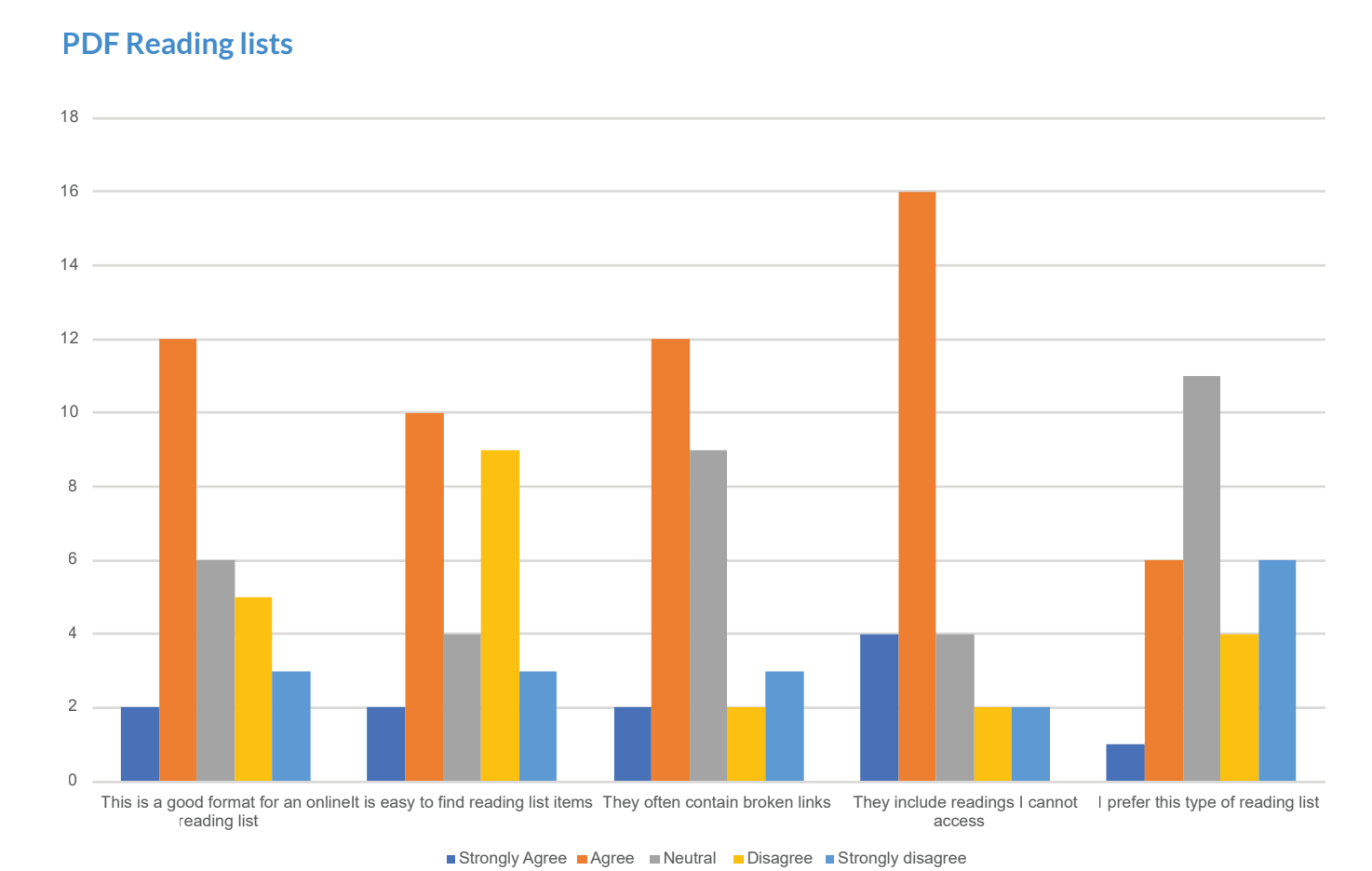
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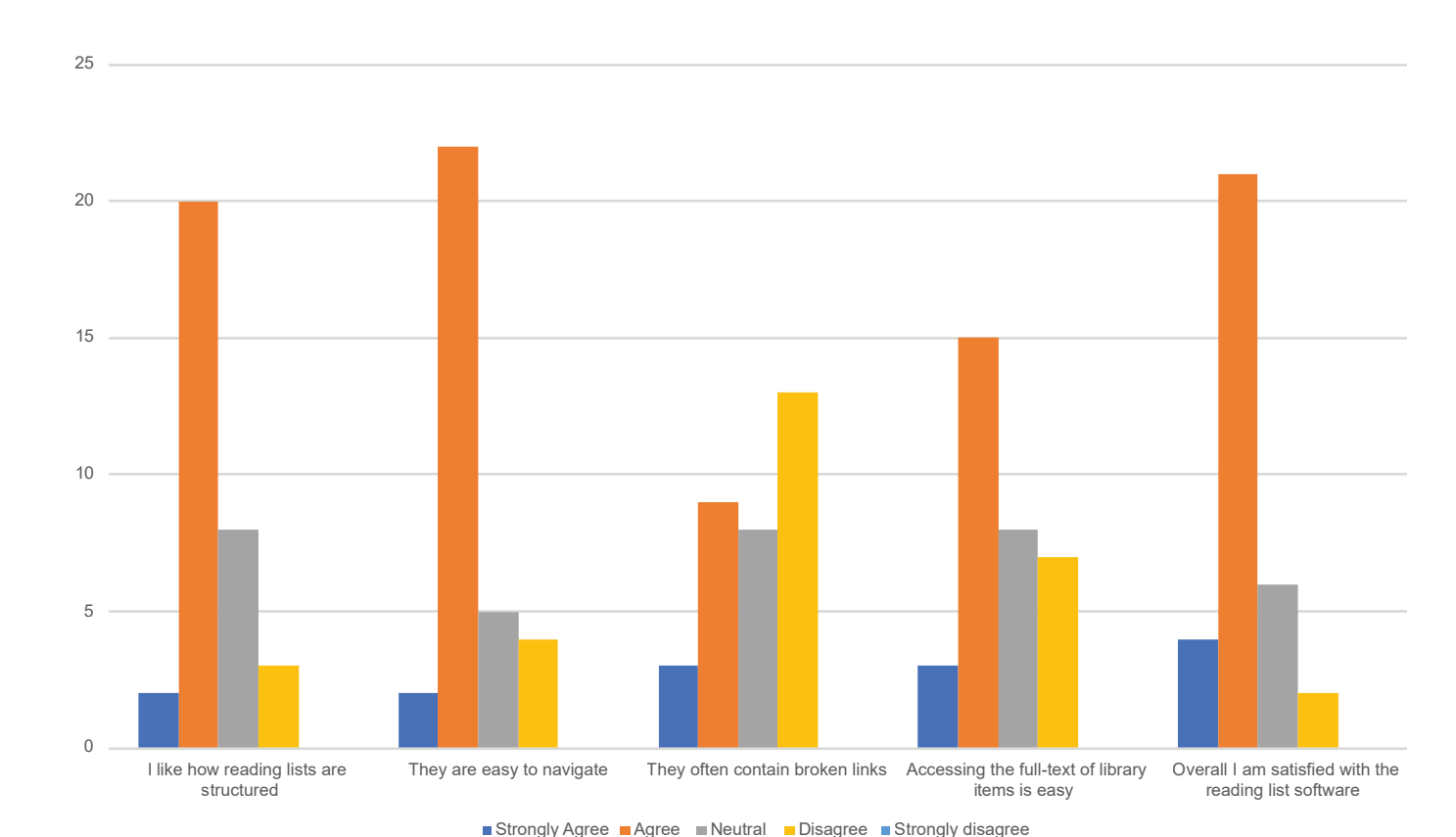
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## FINDINGS

Student survey of Spring 21 cohort: comparing old and new reading list formats



Student survey of new cohorts using only CB



EBSCO usage data for CB from period Sept - Dec 2021

Number of Sessions	Total Search Clicks	Total item Requests	Total Full-Text Requests
25,245	20,597	12,124	8,198