



## LEARNING AFFORDABILITY: LEGANTO HELPS STUDENTS SAVE MONEY

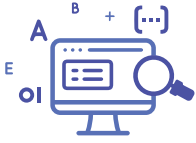
Leganto can eliminate redundant student costs by **utilizing materials already available in the library**. Leganto will always check the library collection for ownership of course materials, and create links to library-held materials automatically, so students can easily access library-held materials and never end up paying for something included in the library collection.

- Instructors can search the entire library collection and drag and drop resources into their reading lists. Links for students to access library-held content are created automatically.
- Instructors can also add resources from scholarly databases, publishers' websites, online bookstores, and more. Leganto automatically checks the library holdings to inform the instructor whether resources such as books, book chapters, and articles are available in the library, and creates a direct link for students to access the material through the library.
- Instructors can upload files, type in citation information, import lists of citations, and select references from external citation management systems such as RefWorks or Zotero. Here again, Leganto checks library holdings and highlights the availability of library resources, and exposes this information to students.

Additionally, Leganto supports workflows for tracking copyright compliance, allowing institutions to feel more confident in their use of materials under fair use rights and reduces the risk of copyright breaches.

Where resources are not otherwise available at no cost (through the library collection, freely available online, or available through fair use), **Leganto provides a low-price pay-per-use licensing model** for students and institutions.

- Students have flexibility to pay for only the resources they need, rather than purchasing expensive course packs which may include materials they could get for free, or full books when they only need a chapter or two.
- Students can spread these costs over the semester, purchasing readings at the point of need rather than all at once. Students don't need to risk falling behind because they can't afford to purchase all course materials at once.
- Instructors have visibility into the cost of course materials, highlighting high-cost readings and the total amount spent by students.
- The library can track materials that are licensed and paid for using the pay-per use model, resulting in a detailed understanding of the costs students incur for course materials. This library has the data necessary in order to make informed decisions about whether to purchase or license materials through the library budget instead. Additionally, the library can recommend alternate resources to the instructor based on resources already available through the library collection.



## Learning affordability case studies:

### University of St. Thomas:

Before Leganto, University of St. Thomas library had been fairly certain that library materials were underutilized in courses, but had a hard time tracking this. Greg Argo, Associate Director for Access & Digital Services, told Ex Libris, “Eventually I got access to a course pack – which retailed for over \$90 – and investigated how many of the readings the University Libraries could provide. Around 73% were available electronically via library subscriptions, 20% were freely available online and, for the remaining 7%, we could digitize a chapter or an article under fair use. **We could reduce that \$90 student cost to zero.**”

#### [Read the story of University of St. Thomas](#)

University of St. Thomas did a pilot study using Leganto where the library worked with instructional designers and faculty to build reading lists, and analyzed how Leganto enabled them to save money for students. The pilot included 19 courses, 289 students, and a total of 579 citations. They found that in one semester students in the pilot saved \$22,260 in total, or **an average of \$77 savings per student per course.**

#### [Read here: Beyond Textbooks and Coursepacks](#)

The following semester, Leganto was used to support 94 courses, resulting in an estimated savings of \$80,268 for students.

### Concordia University: ‘Textbook Free’ Class

One faculty member at Concordia was teaching a course that used a single textbook that cost \$82. He discovered that only about 1/3 of students would purchase the book and the rest did not have access to the reading materials. The course structure was based on the existing text and changing text meant restructuring the whole course, which was daunting. Leganto provided him with a tool that allowed him to work very closely with library staff to identify new materials available through the library collections to replace the textbook; the library suggested resources based on the topics in the textbook, and the faculty member could choose to keep them or remove them. **The reading materials cost for this course went from \$82 to \$0.** The new reading list uses chapter selections from three ebooks, and a variety of supporting articles, websites and videos, and all materials are free to students using library-held and openly available materials.

Based on their initial success, the university is now expanding this program and the library is partnering with four departments to go textbook free using Leganto. They calculate they will be able to save each student \$200-\$300 per class by switching from the standard textbook model to using library-held and openly available resources.

## Cost Savings: Leganto helps the Library save money

Leganto allows the library staff to see usage information in the context of teaching and learning, including the student and instructor usage of resource lists, as well as the usage of the individual items within them. Leganto allows the library to analyze usage data to further develop library collections to best support teaching and learning.

- Leganto allows institutions to leverage analytics and reports to gain insight into the materials that are used for courses. Usage data can be aggregated across the entire institution, or can be broken down as needed, for example, by department or course. The library can also track usage trends, such as usage of different material types, in order to make informed purchasing decisions.
- The library can see usage of library-held materials for courses, ensuring that the library collection supports teaching and learning and that materials that are used in courses are not inadvertently cancelled. Similarly, the library can confidently cancel underutilized materials knowing that course content will not be affected.
- The library can also see usage of materials not held by the library. This allows libraries and institutions to make informed purchasing decisions and ensure that the library collection supports the curriculum.
- The library has visibility into the materials that are being used for courses, and can use this to recommend alternative resources. For example, the library can suggest replacement readings for resources not already held by the library.

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