

SZTE Klebelsberg Library

Save to Bookshelf (List)



In brief

Customer request:

To provide a feature for user cases where readers wish to save documents that are not needed at that exact moment but are deemed important for future use, making them available in an easily accessible format.

Solution:

On the OPAC/Discovery interface, any item(s) from the search result lists can be added to a bookshelf (list) within the user profile page with a single click.

What was the customer's need that we provided a solution for?

When conducting searches within the Qulto OPAC/Discovery system, users often encounter results that they do not need at that exact moment (meaning they do not want to initiate an immediate loan, reservation, or booking), but know they will require in the future. Therefore, it would be useful for them to save these results to a location from which they can easily and quickly retrieve them when they are ready to use them. Other users (e.g., university students and faculty) sometimes use the OPAC/Discovery system specifically to compile bibliographies or reading lists. For them, it is equally beneficial to find a tool directly on the Discovery interface to select, save, manage, and share literature lists (for instance, with students of a specific course or an entire academic year). Yet another group of users can utilize a list management feature to compile and publish thematic reading lists and recommendations.

What is the solution?

With the 'My Lists' feature developed as part of the Qulto OPAC/Discovery system, any item from the search result lists can be added to a bookshelf (list). This applies whether it is a catalogue record (book, article, study, etc.), content offered by an online content service (e-book, online article, etc.), or a document originating from a repository (doctoral dissertation, thesis, etc.) that will or may be needed in the future.

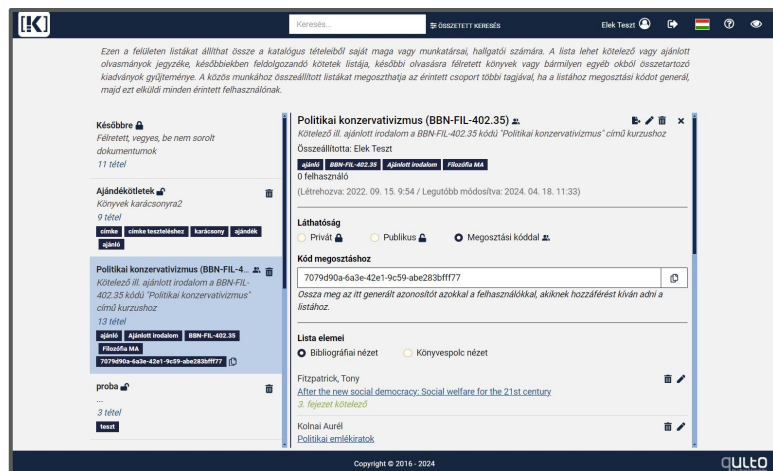


How does this improve the service?

Through the 'My Lists' feature, library users can compile, save, and share bibliographies, reading lists, and virtual bookshelves directly within the OPAC/Discovery system. Consequently, items searched and found in Discovery do not need to be exported or copied into another external tool; adding them to a list requires just a single press of a button on the respective search result item. These lists can accommodate any content searchable on the unified search interface. This means that in addition to the library's physical collection, these, dissertations, and faculty publications stored in the institutional repository, as well as electronically accessible online content, can all be included.

The lists created this way are suitable for quickly and easily finding documents deemed interesting or important at a later time by simply accessing our user profile page, without the need for another search. In the same place, we can edit, annotate, and modify our previously compiled lists. If a reading list or bibliography may be of interest to others as well (such as our students, fellow classmates, or even other readers with similar interests), we have the option to publish the list we created, or share it exclusively with selected users.

Some potential use cases for the 'My Lists' feature include: gathering materials for personal use to be processed for a thesis, dissertation, conference presentation, article, or study; compiling and sharing a mandatory and/or recommended reading list for a university course with students; and creating a public, thematic book list of general interest on a particularly current 'hot topic', among others.



Future development opportunities, plans

In the case of thematic recommendations, it can be particularly important for the list creator to add a short commentary of a few sentences, explaining why they recommend the items to readers. For example, what makes the list timely, what current 'hot topic' it connects to, or which user group might find it especially interesting. The 'My Lists' feature allows users to provide a short description of the list's content. Future development plans include displaying this short description above the recommendation on the OPAC/Discovery homepage as well.