VU Reading Lists

Make literature accessible the easy way

VU EdTech Day, 18 April 2024

Robin Straaijer
Project leader Education support
VU University Library

What will we do today?

- Introductions
- Background
- VU Reading Lists demonstration
- Making your first reading list

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Introductions

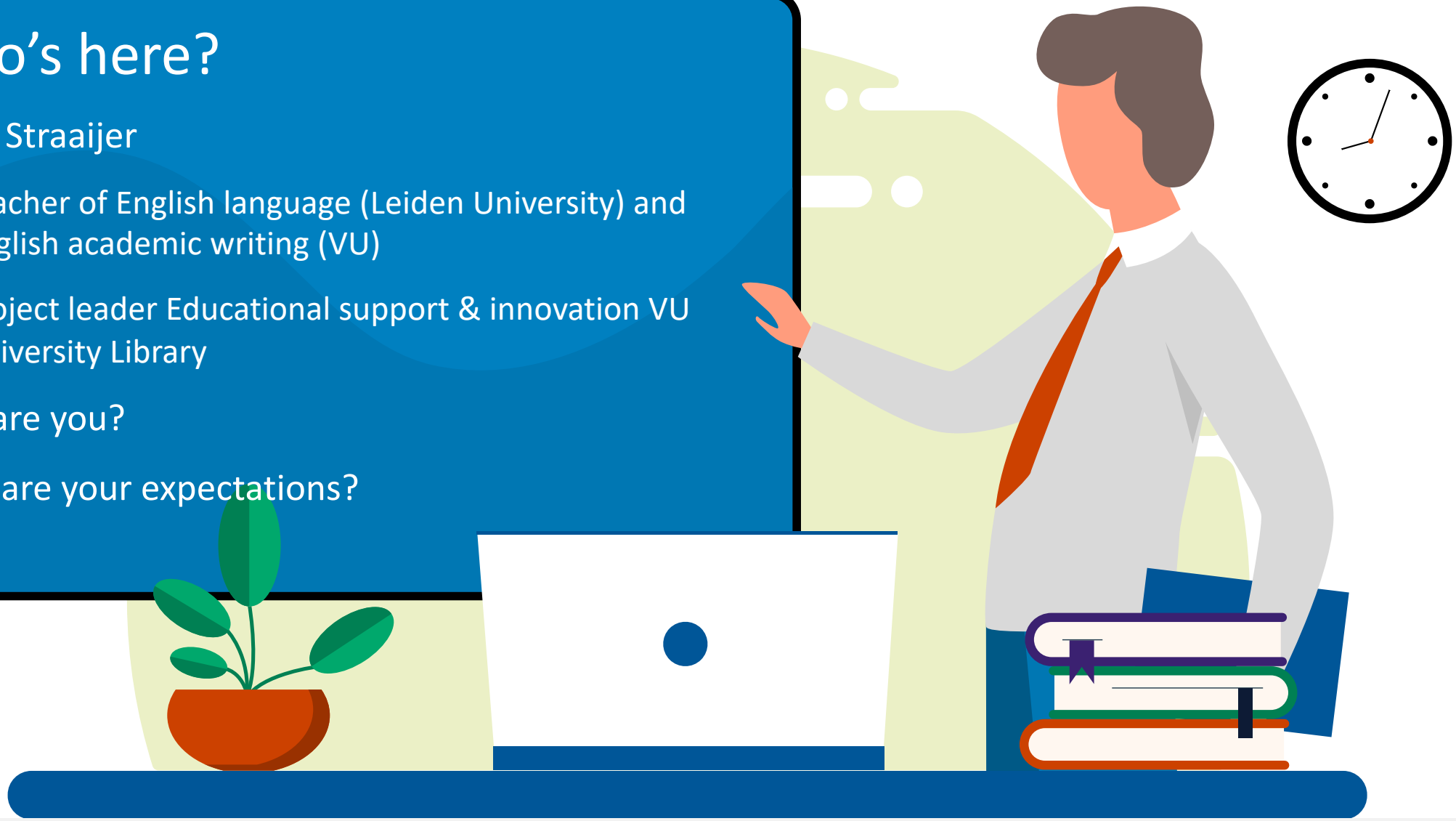
Who's here?

Robin Straaijer

- Teacher of English language (Leiden University) and English academic writing (VU)
- Project leader Educational support & innovation VU University Library

Who are you?

What are your expectations?



At the University Library

information skills

VU Education Lab

UTQ training

XR, OBTL, 3D-printing

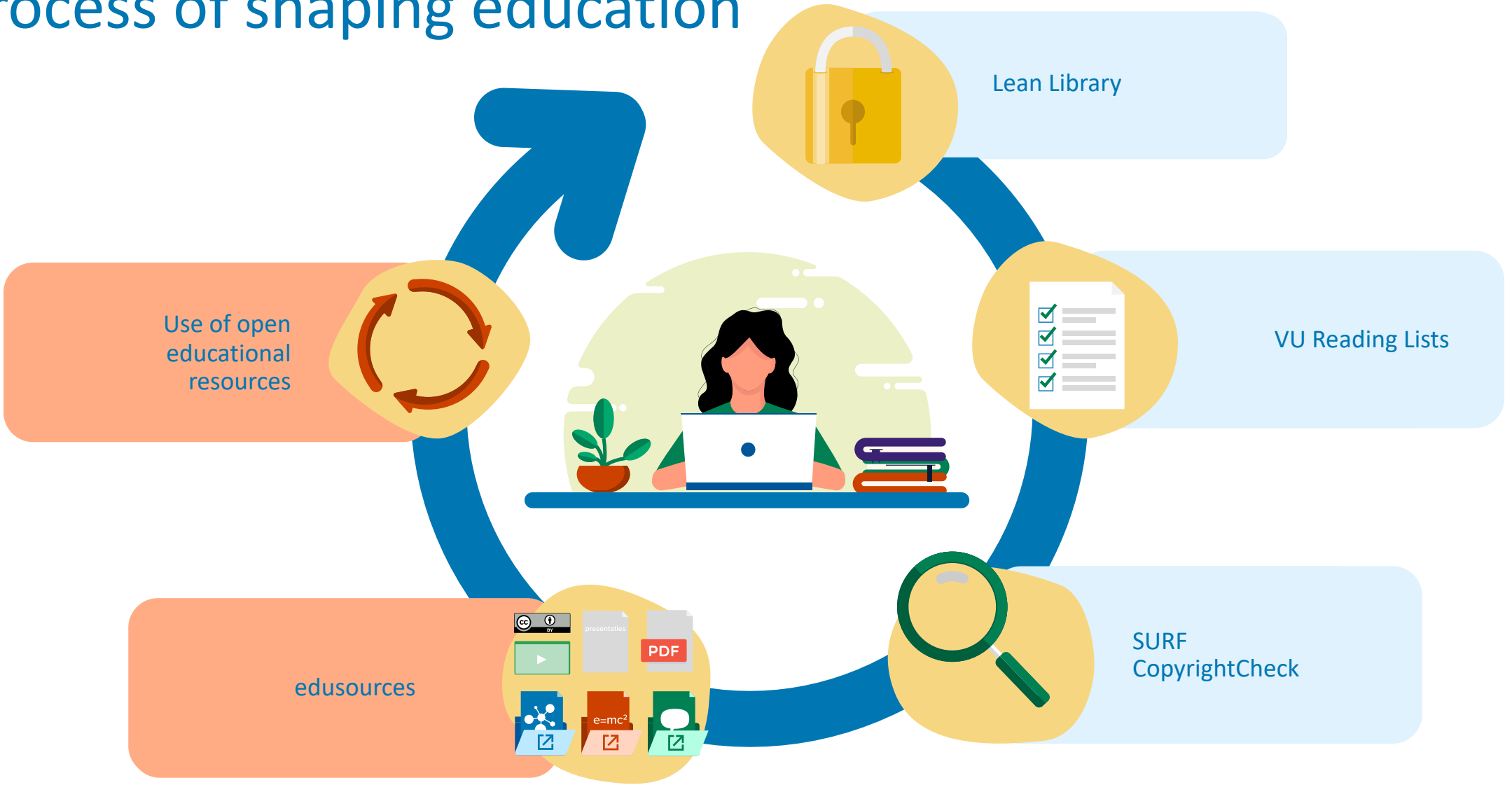
Copyright Information Point

OER support

RDS support

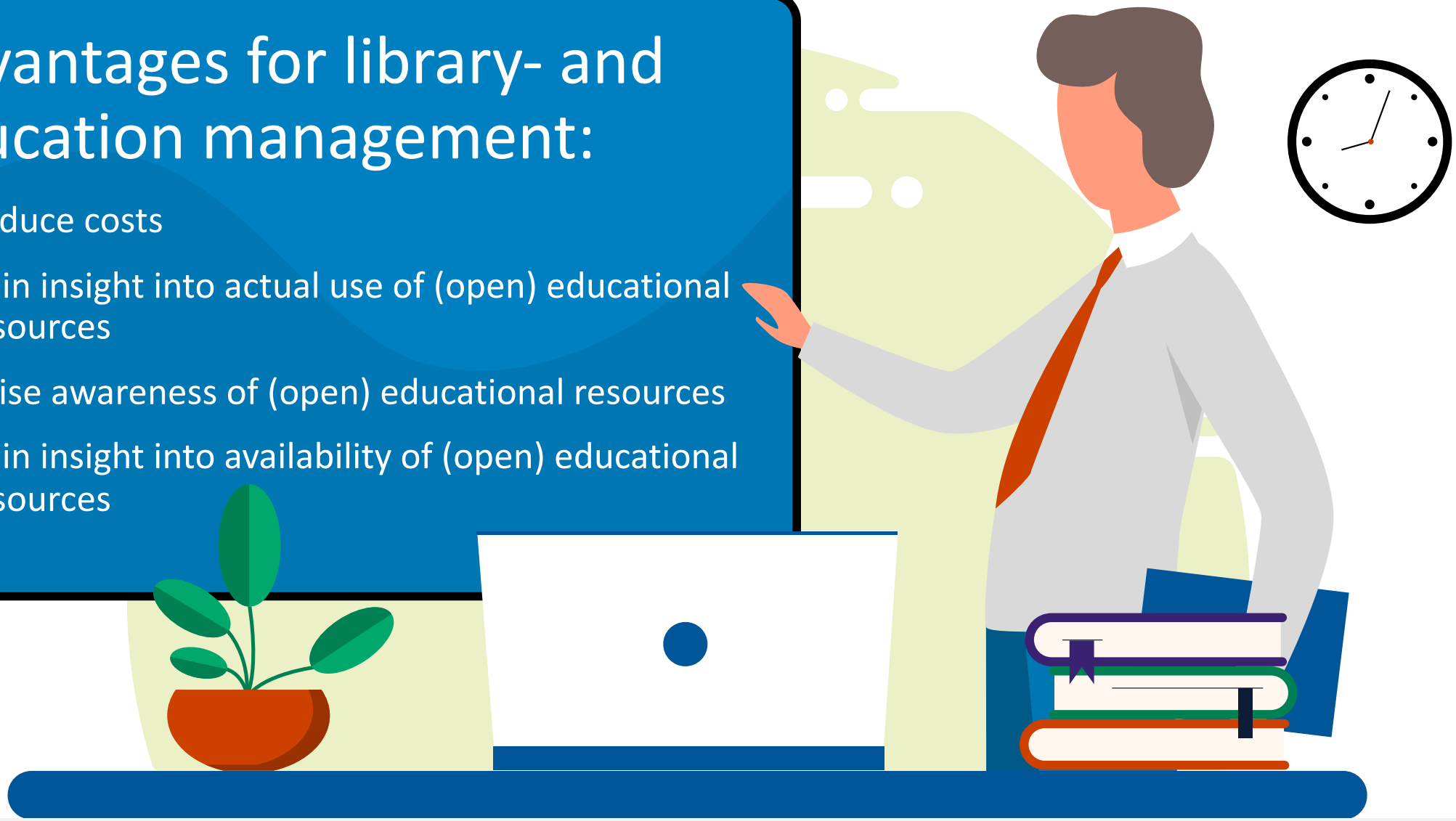
Background

Process of shaping education



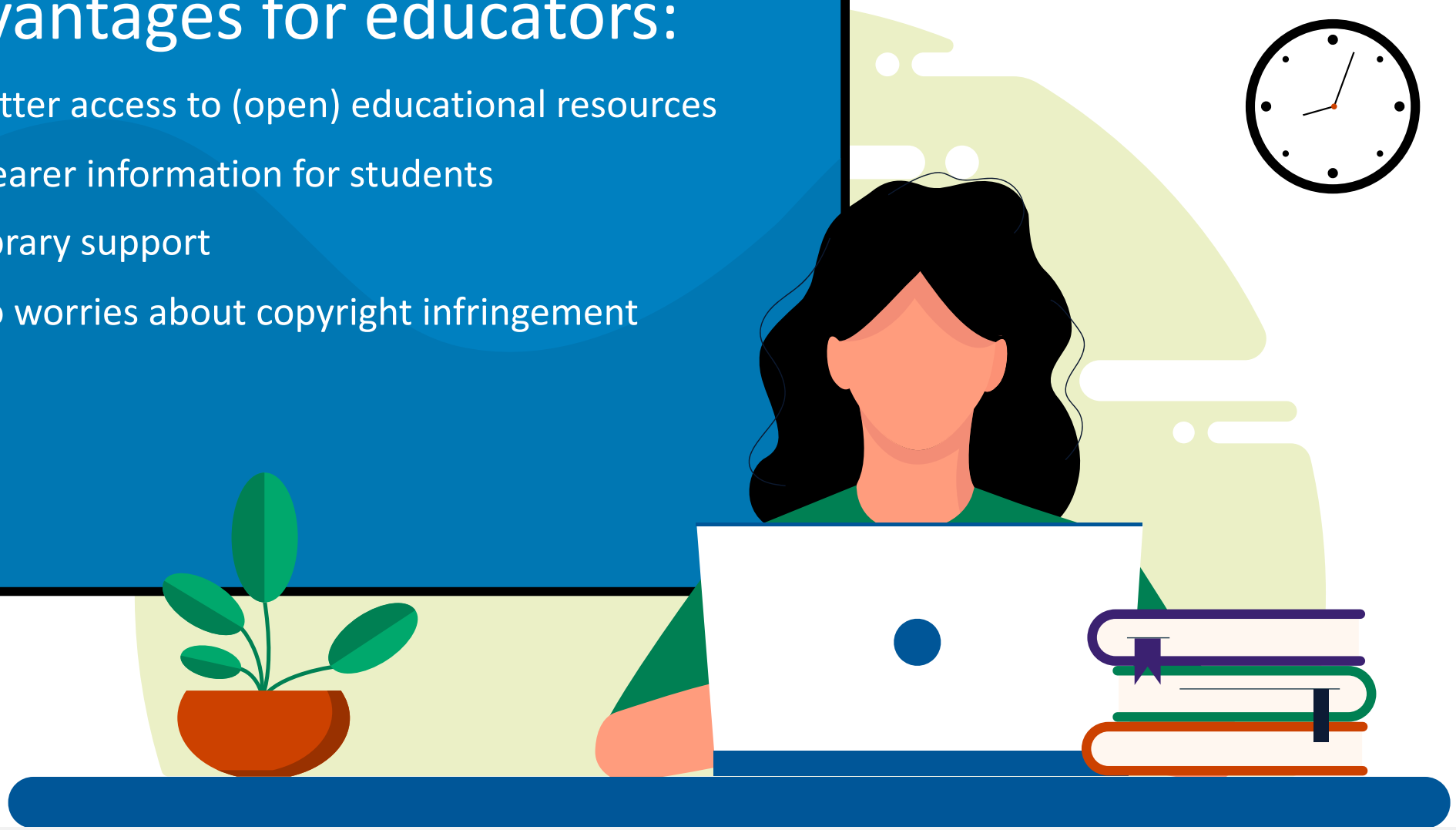
Advantages for library- and education management:

- Reduce costs
- Gain insight into actual use of (open) educational resources
- Raise awareness of (open) educational resources
- Gain insight into availability of (open) educational resources

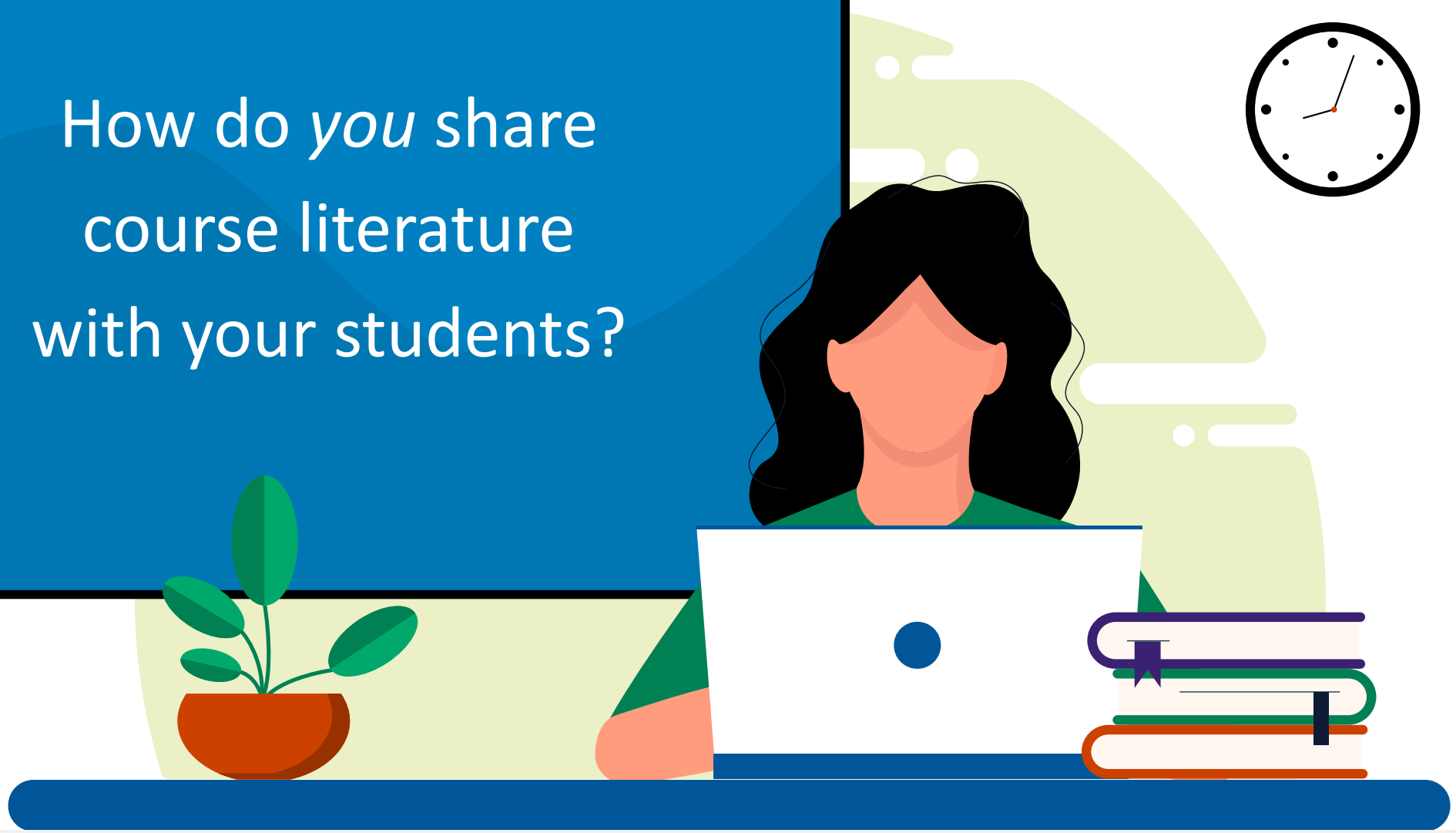


Advantages for educators:

- Better access to (open) educational resources
- Clearer information for students
- Library support
- No worries about copyright infringement



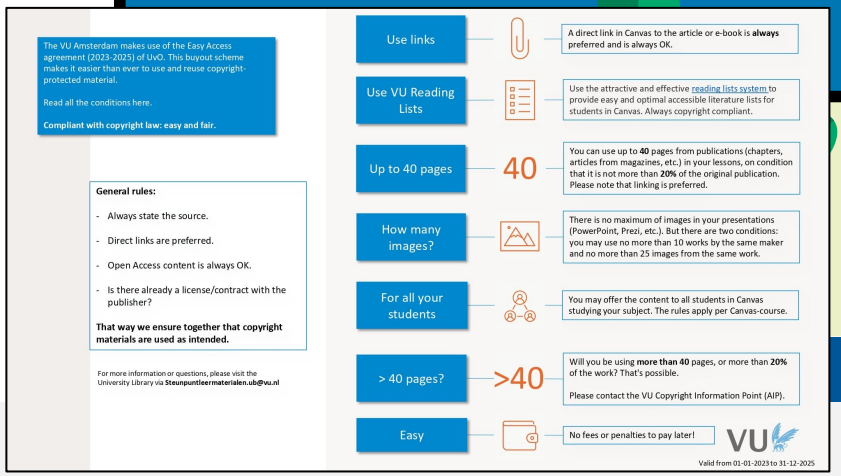
How do *you* share course literature with your students?



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Easy Access-regeling

- VU pays yearly fee for use of copyright-protected materials
- What does this mean for your teaching?
- Use **up to 40 pages or 20%** of the entire publication
  → This is covered!
- Use **more than 40 pages or more than 20%**
  → Must be separately applied and paid for!
- Linking to a legitimate webpage is always OK!



The VU Amsterdam makes use of the Easy Access agreement (2023-2025) of UvO. This buyout scheme makes it easier than ever to use and reuse copyright-protected material.

Read all the conditions here.

Compliant with copyright law: easy and fair.

General rules:

- Always state the source.
- Direct links are preferred.
- Open Access content is always OK.
- Is there already a license/contract with the publisher?

That way we ensure together that copyright materials are used as intended.

For more information or questions, please visit the University Library via **Steunpuntleermaterialen.ub@vu.nl**

Use links	A direct link in Canvas to the article or e-book is **always** preferred and is always OK.
Use VU Reading Lists	Use the attractive and effective reading lists system to provide easy and optimal accessible literature lists for students in Canvas. Always copyright compliant.
Up to 40 pages — 40	You can use up to **40** pages from publications (chapters, articles from magazines, etc.) in your lessons, on condition that it is not more than **20%** of the original publication. Please note that linking is preferred.
How many images?	There is no maximum of images in your presentations (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.). But there are two conditions: you may use no more than 10 works by the same maker and no more than 25 images from the same work.
For all your students	You may offer the content to all students in Canvas studying your subject. The rules apply per Canvas-course.
> 40 pages? — >40	Will you be using **more than 40** pages, or more than **20%** of the work? That's possible. Please contact the VU Copyright Information Point (AIP).
Easy	No fees or penalties to pay later!

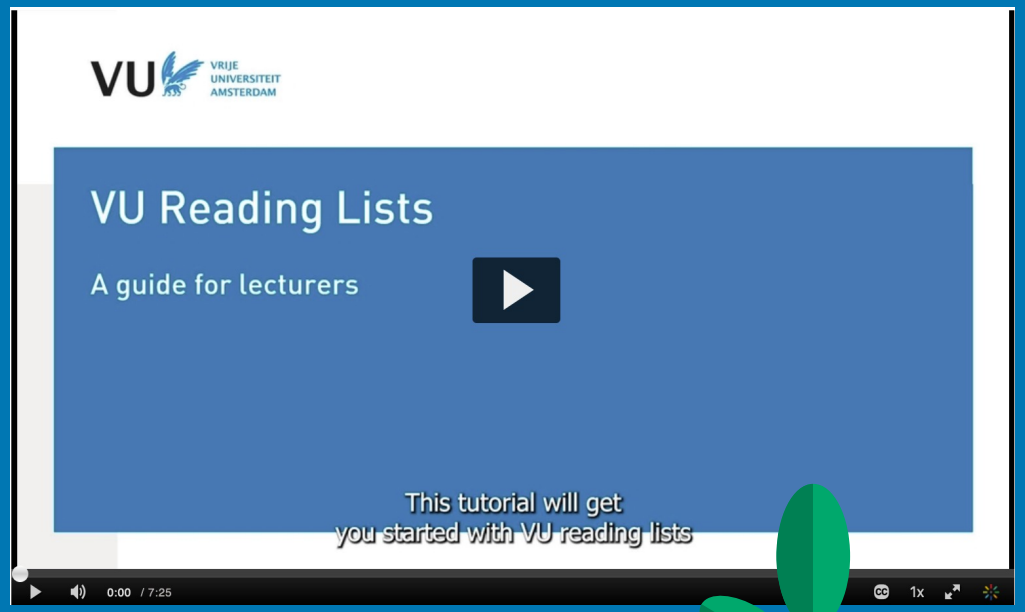
VU

Valid from 01-01-2023 to 31-12-2025

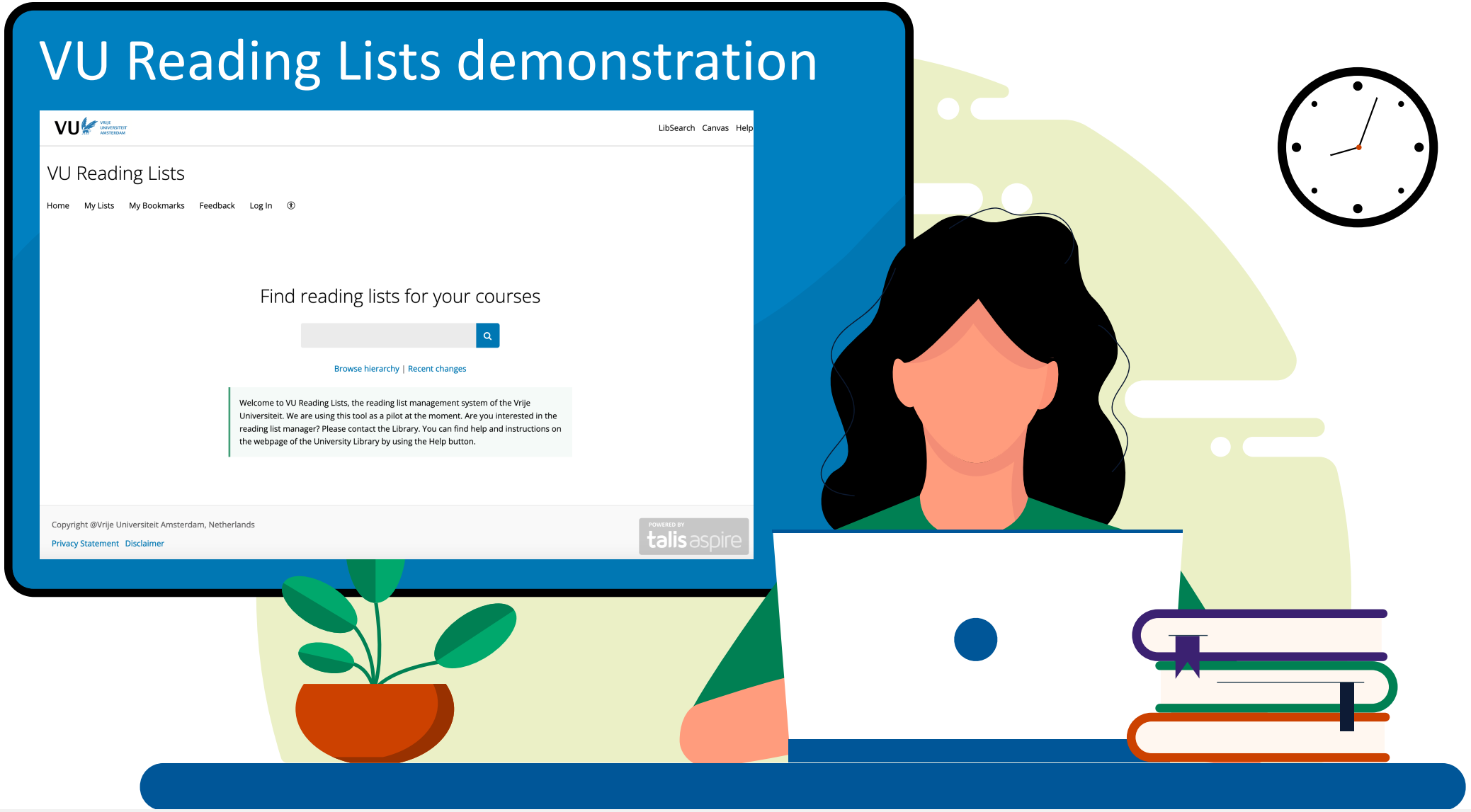
VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

VU Reading Lists demonstration

VU Reading Lists (videoguide)

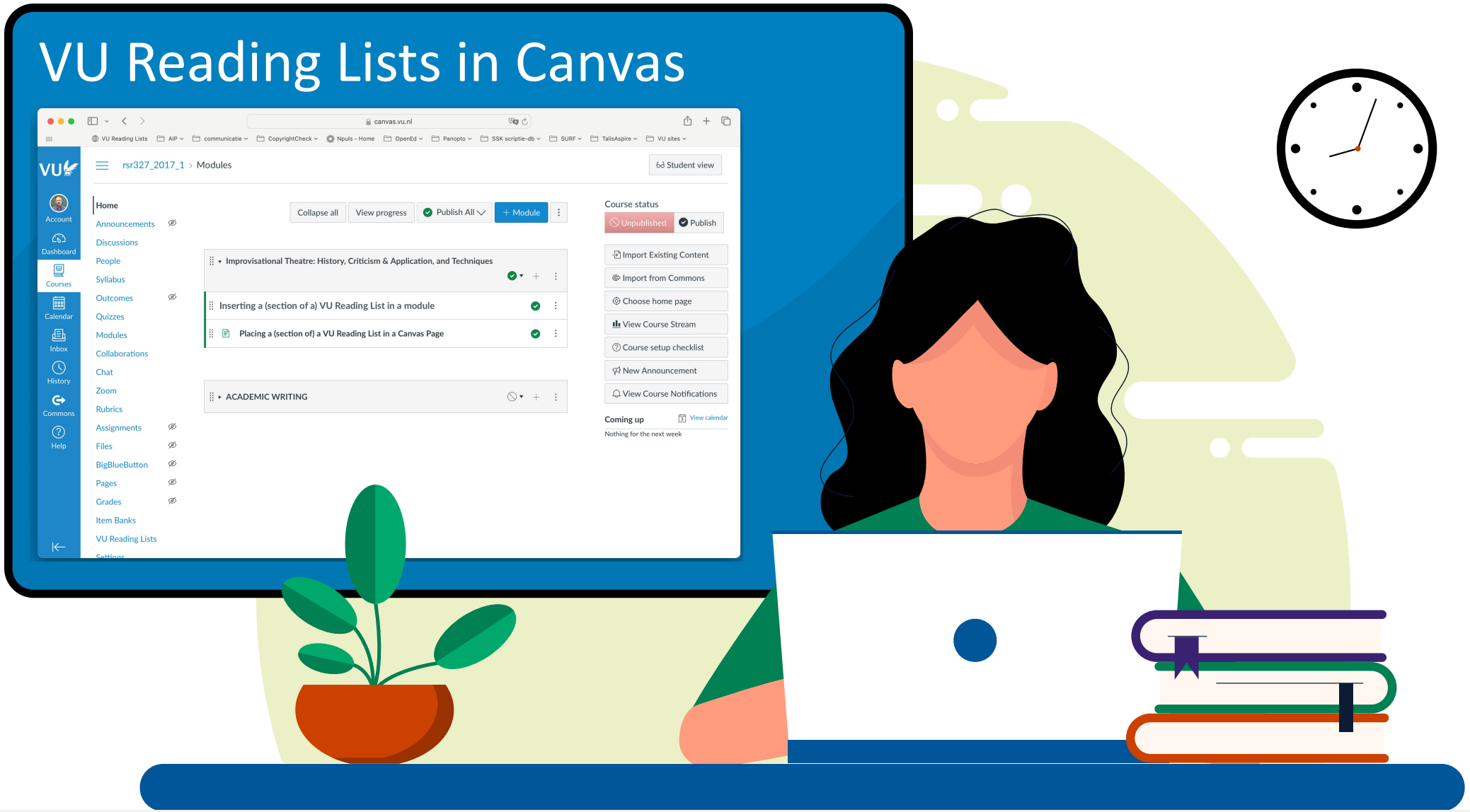


VU Reading Lists demonstration



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

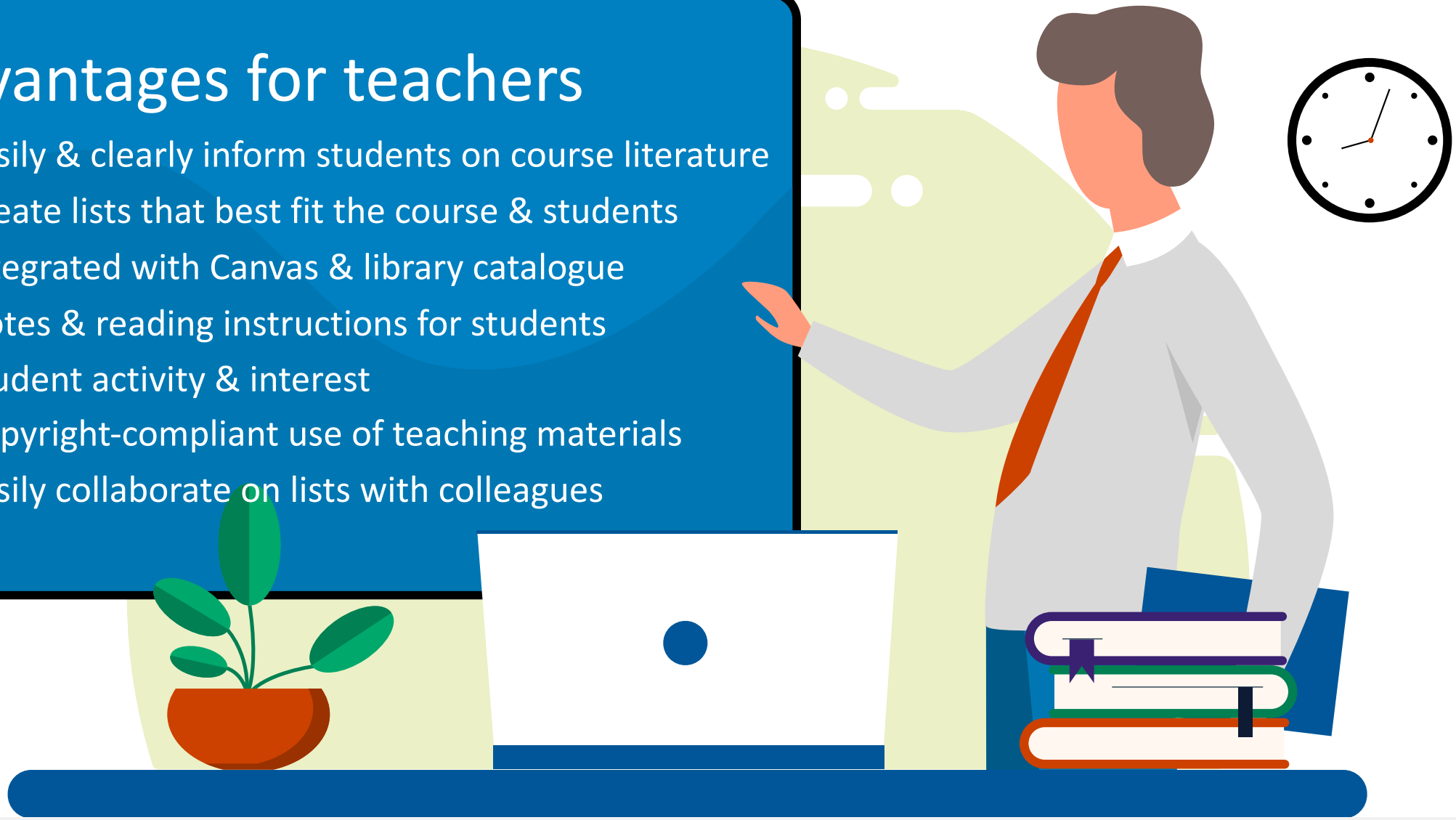
VU Reading Lists in Canvas



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Advantages for teachers

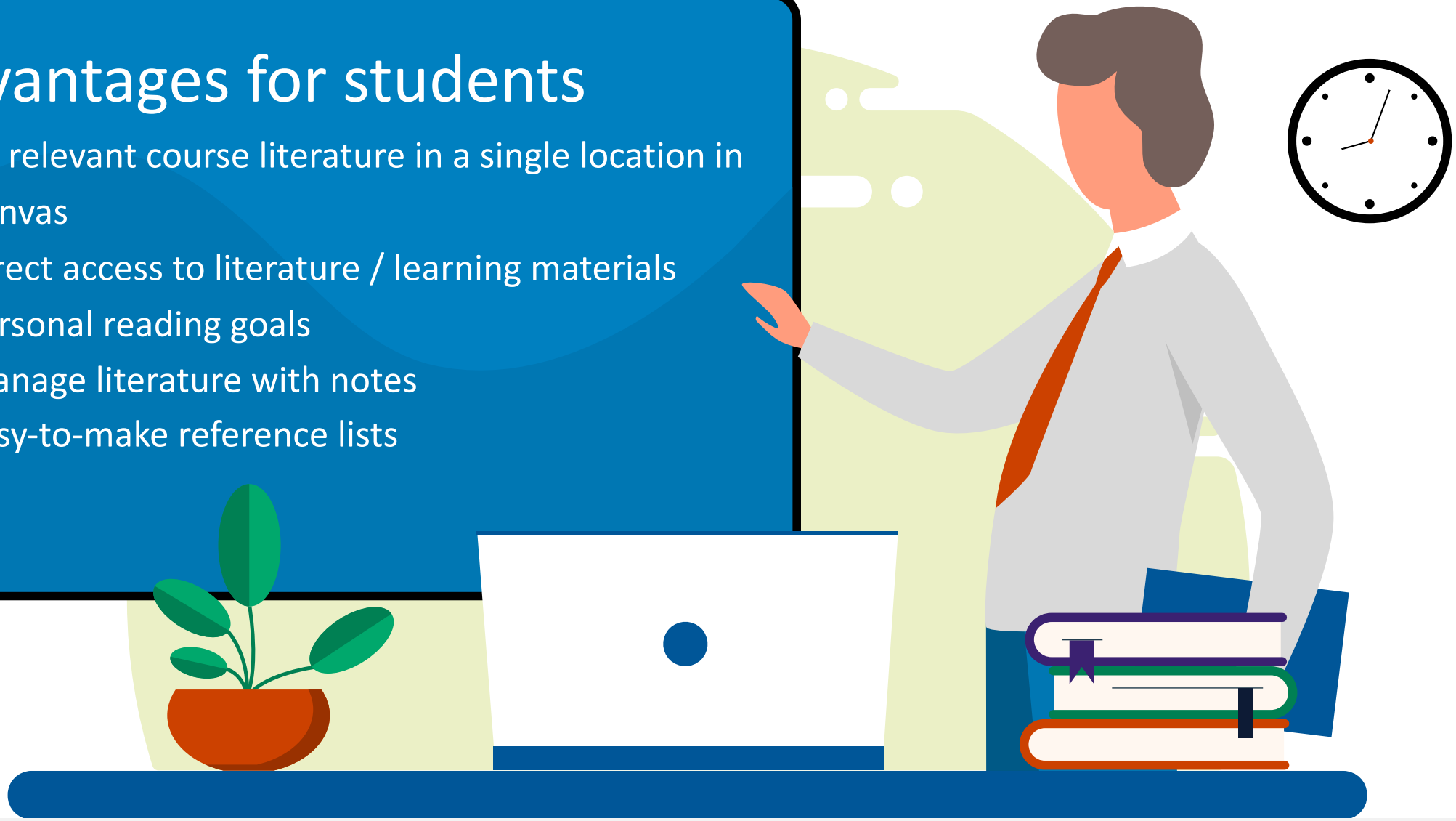
- Easily & clearly inform students on course literature
- Create lists that best fit the course & students
- Integrated with Canvas & library catalogue
- Notes & reading instructions for students
- Student activity & interest
- Copyright-compliant use of teaching materials
- Easily collaborate on lists with colleagues



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Advantages for students

- All relevant course literature in a single location in Canvas
- Direct access to literature / learning materials
- Personal reading goals
- Manage literature with notes
- Easy-to-make reference lists

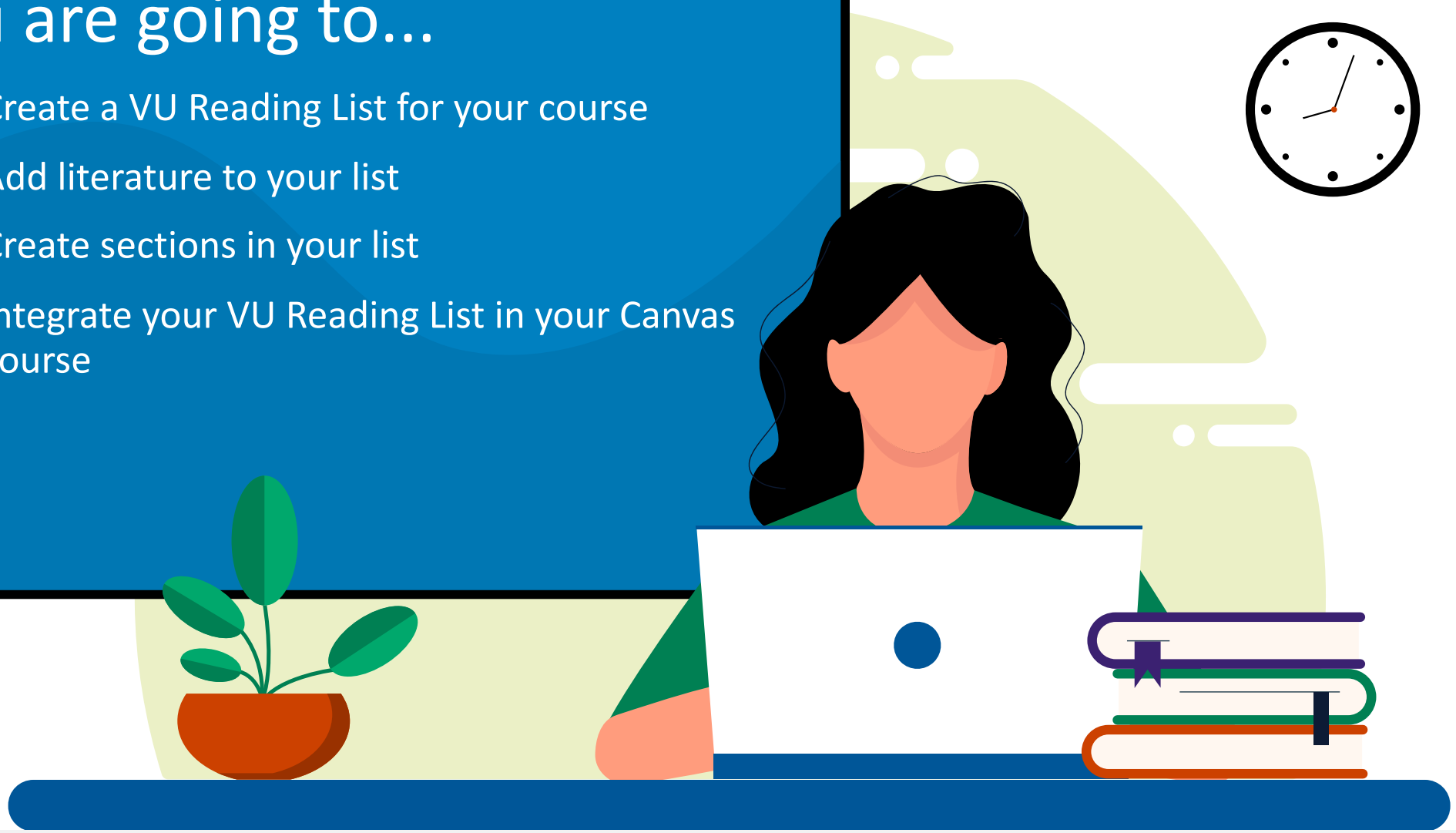


VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Making your first reading list

You are going to...

1. Create a VU Reading List for your course
2. Add literature to your list
3. Create sections in your list
4. Integrate your VU Reading List in your Canvas course



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

First things...

- Check mail for invitation ✓
- Install bookmarking browser extension ✓
- Log in! *vu.rl.talis.com* ✓

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

1. Create a VU Reading List for your course

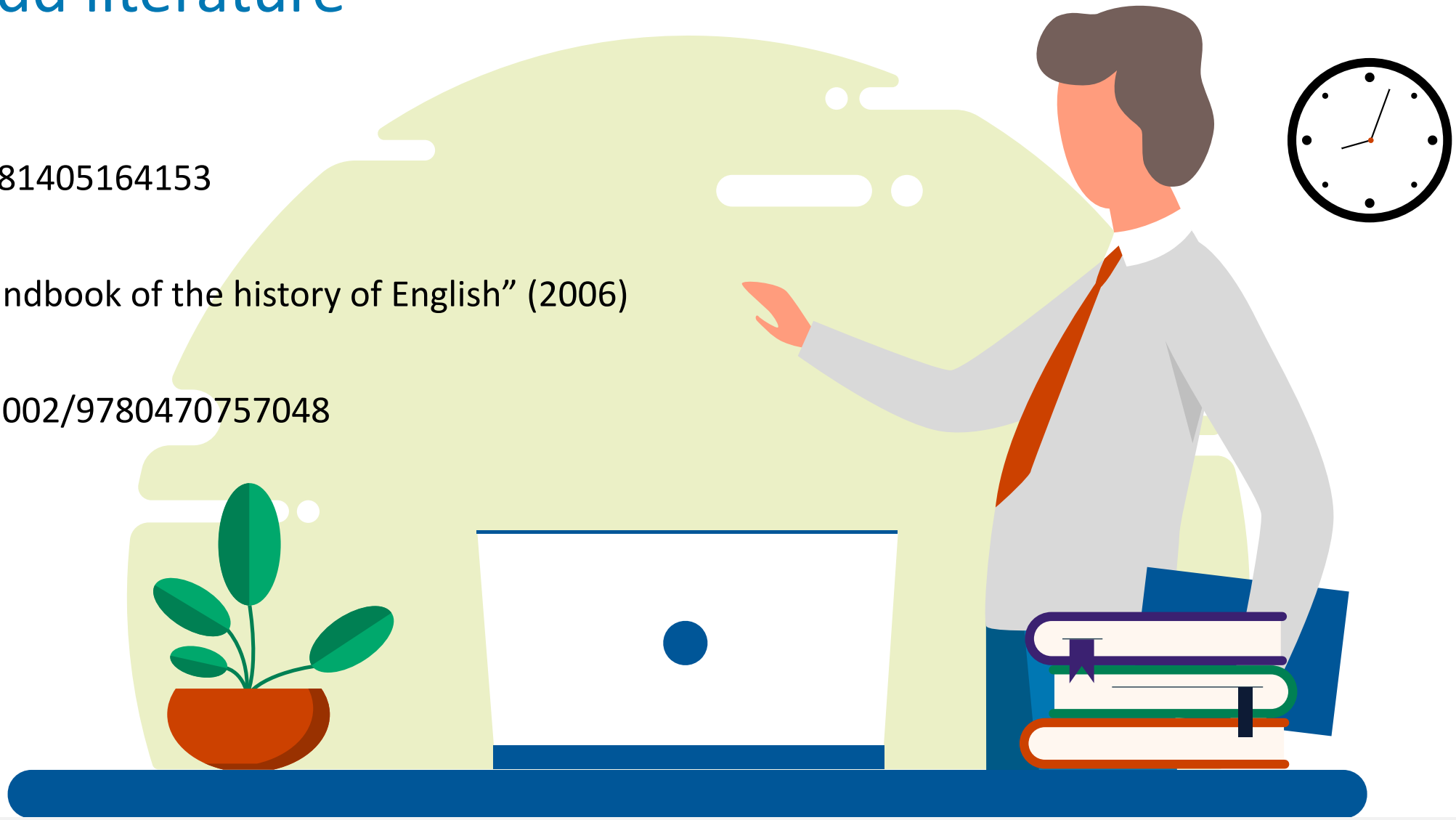
VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

2. Add literature

ISBN = 9781405164153

title = “handbook of the history of English” (2006)

doi = 10.1002/9780470757048



3. Create sections in your VU Reading List

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

4. Use your VU Reading List in Canvas

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

In short, *VU Reading Lists*...

- Brings the library to the user
- Allows you to easily share course reading with students
- Allows you to create reading lists with colleagues
- Provides copyright-compliant use of educational materials

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Thank you!

Questions?

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

Appendices

A-1 Tips for VU Reading Lists

A-2. Lean Library

A-3 Open Educational Resources

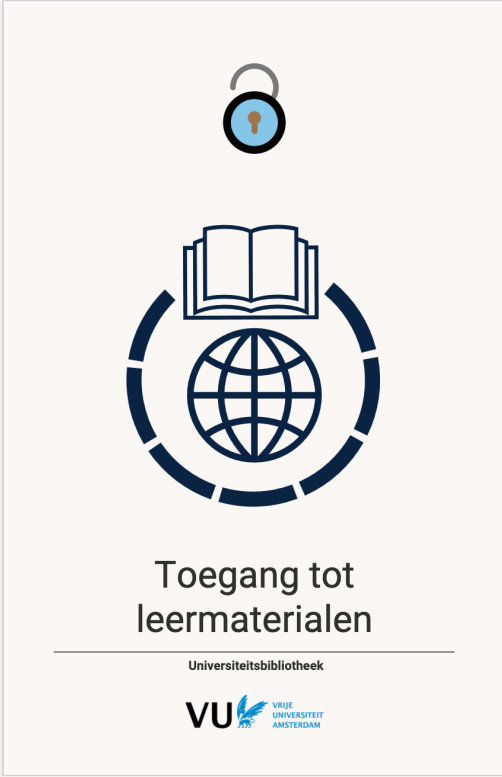
A-4. Useful links

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

A-1. Tips for VU Reading Lists

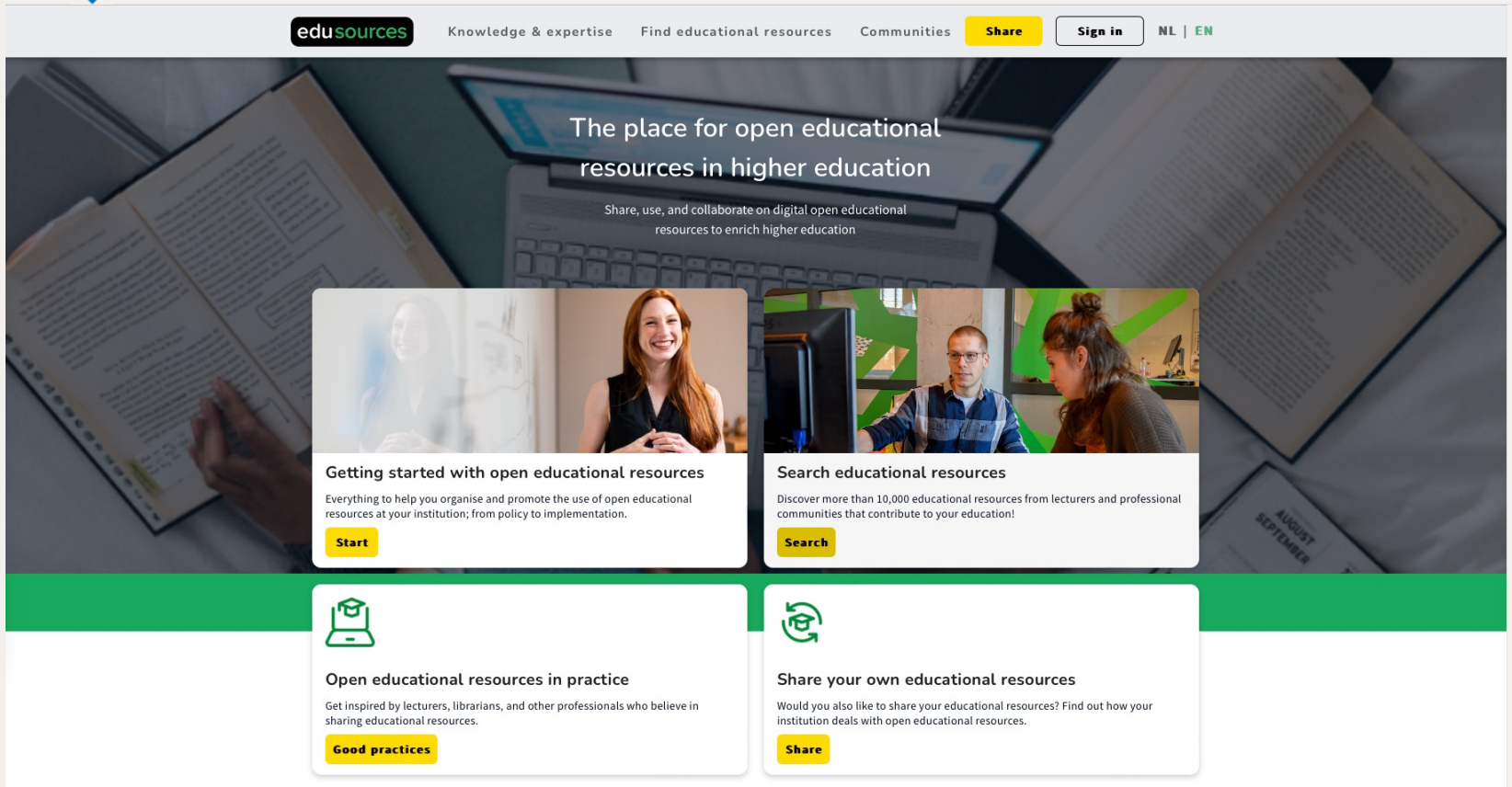
- Tailor the list to the course in VU Canvas
  - Give the list the same name as the Canvas course - [course code – course name]
  - Use the Section option in VU Reading Lists to make the list reflect the Module structure in VU Canvas
  - Add all course literature
- Tailor the list to your students
  - Use the *importance labels* – [*Required*; *Recommended* of *Optional]*
    Note: Use the label *Required* only for official exam literature
  - Add *Notes for students*, for example “Read chapters 4, 5 and 7”
  - Add the names of all teachers in the course in the list description
- Add a *Note for the library* when your subject librarian needs to be informed about something in your list
- Use *Libsearch* for the most recent edition, availability, etc.
- You remain responsible for supplying students with the correct information.

A-2. Lean Library



VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

A-3. Open Educational Resources



- Finding and using
- Making and sharing

VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

A-4. Useful links

- Open Educational Resources: a support landscape (video)
- VU Reading Lists (*Talis Aspire*)
- VU Reading Lists on Canvas *VU Tools for Education*
- Create reading lists with VU Reading Lists
- VU Reading Lists – instruction manual
- VU Reading List guide for lecturers (video)
- TechLab
- Easy Access-regeling
- Lean Library
- edusources