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Article Library App

Tell and organize stories

The Article Library app is similar to the Headlines & Features app, except here you categorize groups of articles together. You can group articles by type, date, or topic. For example, in a club, you might break up articles into highlights, newsletters, meeting minutes, or agendas.

The screenshot displays the Happy Valley School District website. The header includes the district logo, name, and motto: "Happy Valley School District. Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Below the header is a navigation menu with options: Home, Academics, Alumni, Athletics, Departments, Curriculum, Parents, Staff (highlighted), and Calendar. The main content area shows a profile for Carl Jackson with a list of links: Information, School Supply List, Blog, Book List, Article Library, Content Page, and Discussion and such. The Article Library section lists three new articles: "Elton John Goes Ahead With Open-air Mayan Ruins Concert", "Former Cherokee Nation chief Wilma Mankiller Dies", and "Saving Native American Languages". Each article has a brief description. At the bottom, there is a "Like" button and a prompt: "Be the first of your friends to like this." The footer contains contact information: "328 Innovation Blvd. State College, PA 16801" and "814-272-1111 (Main)". It also includes links for "Questions or Feedback?", "Blackboard Web Community Manager Privacy Policy (Updated)", and "Terms of Use", along with the Blackboard logo and copyright notice: "Copyright © 2002-2018 Blackboard, Inc. All rights reserved."

➞ Using the classic page experience? Check out the *More about this app* section to add content.

Add the Article Library app

Drag the *Article Library app* onto your page.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Article Library app interface. On the left, a preview shows a list of articles with titles like 'Elton John Goes Ahead With Open-air Mayan Ruins Concert', 'Saving Native American Languages', and 'Former Cherokee Nation Chief Wilma Mankiller Dies'. On the right, the 'New Article' form is visible, containing fields for Article Title, Teaser Text, Article Body, Author Name, and Author Phone, along with a rich text editor and buttons for Save, Cancel, and E-Alert.

1. Enter the *Article Title* for the first featured article.
2. Enter your *Teaser Text* for a subtitle.
3. Enter the *Article Body* of the text for the feature article. Include images or links and style your text as needed.
4. Enter the *Author Name*, *Author Phone*, and *Author Email*.
5. Configure the following optional settings:
 - Set the *Display Duration* by adding a *Start Date*, *End Date*, and *Time*.
 - Select an *Accent Image* to appear in the article headlines. Include the *Height*, *Width*, and *Alt Text*.
 - Select which groups can view the information

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6. Select *Activate on my page* to display the information on your page.

7. Select *Save*.

You can send out an **E-Alert** to all members.

Video: Working with the article library

Screen reader only:

The following narrated video provides a visual and auditory representation of some of the information included on this page. For a detailed description of what is portrayed in the video, [open the video on YouTube](#), navigate to *More actions*, and select *Open transcript*.

Video: [Working with the article library](#) explains how to use the article library app.

Set additional options

Article Library

Edit	Options
General ^	
* App Name:	
<input type="text" value="Article Library"/>	
Description:	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Show the app name on my page.	
Display Settings:	
You can display every active record in this app on your page, or a specific number of records at a time.	
<input type="radio"/> Display all active app records	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Display a specific number of active app records	
* Record Limit:	
<input type="text" value="5"/>	

1. Select *Options*.
2. Enter the *App Name* to use as the title.
3. Enter the *Description*, and select *Show the app name on my page*.
4. Choose the *Display Settings* for the number of posts to list. Select *Display all active app records* or *Display a specific number of active app records* and enter the *Record Limit*.

Set display duration

For many apps, you can set start and end dates and times for app records. Here's how to display dates and times for app records.

- If no start and end date times are specified, once the app record is saved it displays on the website immediately and never expires.
- If you enter start and end dates and times, the app record displays on your site within the specified

- If you enter start and end dates and times, the app record displays on your site within the specified date and time ranges.
 - If you enter only a start date and time, the app record displays on your site from the date and time specified forward.
 - If you enter only an end date and time, the app record displays on your site immediately until the specified end date and time.
 - To remove the *Display Duration* for an app, remove the start and end date.
 - If a start date is entered without specifying a start time, the time defaults to 12:00 AM.
 - If an end date is entered without specifying a time, the time defaults to 11:59 PM.
 - If an end date is entered and you specify the time at 12:00 AM, you will see the end time saved as 12:05 AM. This shows the app record will no longer display at the beginning of the day on the end date specified.
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Change the articles

You can add new articles, edit existing articles, delete articles, or set them as active or inactive.

Edit
Options

NEW
SORT

STATUS	ARTICLE	ACTIONS
ACTIVE	Elton John Goes Ahead With Open-air Mayan Ruins Concert	Edit Delete
ACTIVE	Saving Native American Languages	Edit Delete
	Former Cherokee Nation	

Sort Articles

Sort your data by dragging and dropping the records.

Sort Alphabetically

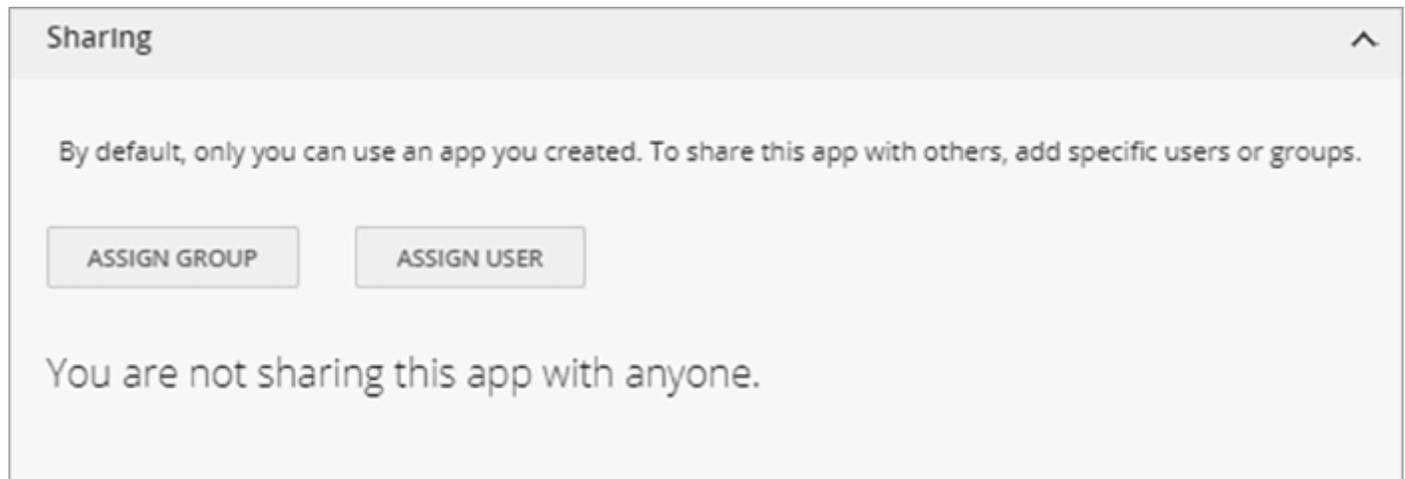
- Elton John Goes Ahead With Open-air Mayan Ruins Concert**
- Saving Native American Languages**
- Former Cherokee Nation Chief Wilma Mankiller Dies**

Select *Sort* to change the order of articles either alphabetically or by dragging the articles.

When you're finished, select *I'm Done*.

Sharing and social settings

Want to share your content with another group or user? From the *Sharing* tab, you can choose groups to share your content.



[↪ More on social settings for this app](#)

Add attachments and existing photo galleries

You can add attachments, videos and existing photo galleries to these apps.

- [Article Library](#)
- [Assignment](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Headlines & Features](#)

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More about this app

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