

# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS NEWSLETTER

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## UPDATES

- **FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK!**
  - **On November 4<sup>th</sup>** Heidi Vieira (Supervisor for Circulation and Course Reserves at Fondren Library) will be joining us to explore how you can make library items and other learning materials more accessible to students in your courses due to increased online availability! [Register now and join our discussion!](#)
  - See the [First Fridays Call for Presentations blog post](#) to submit your educational technology success story.
- **Faculty Survey:** Learning Environments consistently works to improve our programming for you, and your input is invaluable to that goal. With that in mind please fill out the [LE Faculty Survey 2022-2023](#).

## REMINDERS

- [Update your Zoom!](#)
- If you are having issues with Canvas, [make sure your browser is up to date](#).

## TIPS AND TRICKS

### CANVAS

**Read and Respond** is a feature in Canvas that allows instructors to create assignments using course Resource List materials. Instructors can 1) create assignments in which students add comments for a grade, 2) pose questions and provide feedback to students, 3) sync grades with the gradebook. For more information, please visit the reserves [LibGuide](#) or watch this [video overview of the tool](#). For more, contact the Course Reserves team at [reserve@rice.edu](mailto:reserve@rice.edu).

### ACCESSIBILITY

[UDOIT Cloud is an educational tool for helping you improve your own accessibility design practices over time](#). The tool helps identify and fix accessibility issues across your entire Canvas course. It scans your course and produces a report of all accessibility issues, explanations, learning resources, and tools for reviewing and fixing issues. For more information about accessible design in Canvas, see [Rice's Accessibility Course Guides](#).

### KALTURA

As mentioned last month, Kaltura is releasing Express Capture with a new “screen sharing” feature. Unfortunately, the screen sharing feature has not yet met our standards at for release, and we continue to work with Kaltura to drive improvements of the feature. The standard Express Capture is still available and working well. Find more information at [Express Capture in the Kaltura Knowledge Center](#).

### ZOOM

Zoom Whiteboard features now include **Rich-text options for text and shapes**. Text objects, sticky notes, and shapes can be more finely formatted with additional rich-text options, including bold, italics, underline, font size, bulleted and numbered lists, and more. For more information visit [Getting Started with Zoom Whiteboard](#).

## SUPPORT

- 24/7 for Canvas using Canvas Support (last button on Global Navigation Bar in Canvas)
- See the [Training Center](#) for Tech Tools workshops or to sign up for one-on-one training
- Email [teaching@rice.edu](mailto:teaching@rice.edu) for general help