Integrating iPads into Library Instruction

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In October 2013 Joyner Library completed work on a new instructional classroom designed for use with iPads.

Opportunities:
- Mobility of devices is well-suited to walking tours and scavenger hunts
- Quick/spontaneous classroom polling
- Easy assessment data collection
- Library instructor can “push” content to student iPads

Challenges:
- Smaller screen
- Slower text entry
- Learning curve for some students
- Managing apps and accounts

Nearpod and GoClass
These presentation/quiz apps allow the library instructor to push a slide presentation, along with survey and quiz questions, to student iPads. Both apps generate reports after each session.

The Classroom

- Seating in Joyner Room 1418 accommodates up to 42 students.
- 30 iPads are on hand for instruction sessions. Each of the room’s 6 tables seats up to 7.
- A large monitor at each table mirrors the presenter’s monitor.
- Via laptop, students can be given control over their table’s monitor.

Further Reading
For a bibliography of scholarship on the use of iPads in instruction, use the code below:

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