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LibQuest: A Web App for Exploring the IC Library

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LibQuest [A Web App for Exploring the IC Library]

Problem
Since most of the library’s materials are available online, students feel they don’t need to come to the library building. However, we still want students to know how to get help from our staff and find physical items. Instructors try to address these issues with library tours, which are boring, and library “scavenger hunt” assignments, which quickly become outdated as things change in the library.

Solution
We built a web app that requires students to physically explore the building. We can keep it up to date as needed. Anyone can use it at any time. We can collect data to continuously improve the app.

Requirements
The app should:
• Be phone-friendly — students will be moving around the building as they work.
• Allow students to notify their instructor when they’ve completed the activity.
• Record anonymous information in a database for our own analysis.
• Use content that is human-writable (JSON) for easy updating.

The questions should...
• Be randomized so that not every student gets the same questions, but ensure that certain topics are covered in every version.
• Include text-input questions as well as multiple choice to increase difficulty.
• Not be easily answerable through a search of Google or the library website.
• Require visiting various parts of the library building and interacting with service points and materials.

LibQuest explained

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