Click and Clack:
Integrating Clickers Into Your Library Instruction Program

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What are Clickers?

Clickers are an exciting new technology being used in classrooms to improve student participation by making instruction fun and interactive.

A.K.A.
- Personal Response System
- Classroom Response System
- Audience Response System
How does it work?

Clickers utilize infrared or radio technology to transmit and record student responses to instructor generated questions.
Instructor asks question:

Which call number comes first on the shelf?

A. DS769.8 L3
B. DS769.8 L26
C. DS769.8 L194
Students answer the question using their clicker. They can identify their clicker id # on screen.
The histogram displays responses by percentage and highlights the correct answer.
The instructor can immediately check for understanding and deliver appropriate feedback to students.
Why use Clickers?

- Engage students
- Promote active learning
- Students participate anonymously
- Ability to quickly assess students understanding of material
- Polling
- Enhance learning
What do I need to start using clickers in my classroom?

- Computer
- Clickers for each student and instructor
- 2 receivers (for a class of 40)
- Digital projector and screen
- Clicker software
Things to consider when selecting a clicker system

- Institutional system already in use
- Price
- Features
- Technical support
How much does it cost?

40 person classroom = $2,000 - $4,500
Clicker Suppliers

- Einstruction’s Classroom Performance System
  http://www.einstruction.com

- Hyper-Interactive Teaching Technology (H-ITT)
  http://www.h-itt.com/index.html

- Interwrite PRS
  http://www.interwritelearning.com/

- TurningPoint Student Response System
  http://www.turningtechnologies.com/
Challenges to Incorporating Clickers

• Cost
• Initial investment of time to learn software
• Classroom time to use clickers
• Technical problems
questions???

Thank you!