User Input

App/website

Form that surveys user to get preferences

recommendations from service itself or from other users?

Algorithm for site/app suggested books

"Board" for users to post their favorite books/see other's boards

Teachers make accounts and put books for their classes/grades on board

Search bar so they can find specific text books?

Service Output

Digital (pdf or our own custom reader?)

limited to reading while in our app/on our site only? (to keep from letting just anyone get the books)

Digital pdf and yes use only in app. Kinda like the manga reader apps and kindle fire has it.

Maybe a way for each version of a textbook to be available under the same result? Like a way to select the year of publication?

Availability

Netflix-style monthly fee may be a good idea

Both I think

The fee amount doesn't have to be much because the only thing the "company" would be paying for is the rights to distribute the content as PDFs books or shipping fees

There are a lot of books out there you can find for free on the internet. Our idea is to have a way to bring those to people easily so we can do get books from both

Supported platforms? (android, ios, browsers, computer operating systems?)

Do we source books ourselves or do we advertise and let publishers/libraries opt in? (or both?)