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### Books V/S E-Books & Internet

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### Abstract

*As we are in the 21st century and most of us depend on the computers to fulfill their daily activities. It may include writing, reading, doing homework, etc. But still, few people like reading the books on hard copies rather than using the digital screens (computer). Some people believe in the words completely and the atmosphere that supports preferably using a book than a computer. Moreover, we cannot even say that only **books are important** as both of them have their individual advantages and disadvantages.*

### Introduction

In today's modern world, technology has a great influence on our life and time. Back in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, when electronic devices had not been invented, the population could only use printed word such as books, posters, newspapers or magazines, to gather information. Later, in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century, the use of computers, televisions and radios helped people to know about the incidents happening all around the world, more easily. Now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the creation of internet and other devices to access it has helped us to attain gigabytes of information, just with the click of our mouse. The internet has made it possible for us to acquire answers for almost all of the questions that we ask, and has alleviated the access to information to almost every topic imaginable.

Internet helps to save time and effort. All you need to do is type in your question and click SEARCH. It can give an answer to almost every question type in, and it is usually very quick, speedy and fast. On the other hand, using book or other printed texts can waste time, as you need to find the appropriate book and then search for the information you need from

it. For example, while searching for a book in the library, you waste time trying to reach there, and even more time trying to find the book you need. Despite this, time is also lost when you try to find the information that is useful to you from the book. Whereas the internet acts as a filter that sieves out all the data you need, in a span of seconds. However it can be argued that using electronic devices can cause distractions and disturbances. Using the internet can divert your attention to some other unrelated site and will cause you to waste time. For instance, you may login to facebook or twitter, or check your mail instead of researching and using the time well. On the contrary, you cannot be easily distracted in a library where silence is preferred, and is filled with people who want to work. But if the internet is used properly, and if the person has a self control over himself the internet has more advantages comparing to printed texts. So in short internet can be a time-saver only if used wisely.

### **E-Books Advantages**

- Computers make our tasks much easier to handle. Moreover, increase the production with the knowledge of the software installed on it.
- By using computers, the user can save time and effort and also decrease the overall cost to complete a particular task.
- Computers mainly used for communication and sharing the information on online services and social media like Skype, Facebook, etc.
- It also helps the student, employee, a professional to access all sort of information on the internet.
- Moreover, the computers used in every field such as medical, weather forecast, airlines, business, etc.
- Furthermore, a computer can store a vast amount of information such as books, documents, movies, pictures, and songs digitally. No limit on storage – you don't have to worry about the number of books you can store on your shelves. You can have as many books as you want, because you don't have limit with e-books.
- You can adjust fonts – you can make font bigger or change its darkness.
- It keeps you entertained by helping you with listening to songs, watching a DVD and Blu-ray or streaming online videos from popular sites like Amazon, Netflix, and YouTube.

- It also helps to find the jobs easily on the internet with the help of a computer based on their education and experience.
- Online databases can be accessed 24 hours a day 7 days a week from the library's webpage. These databases are in the library's collection and can be accessed on campus and remotely with your University ID via the Internet. This is not to be confused with searching the Internet.
- Library resources are paid for with your tuition and fees, so take advantage of it. Libraries provide free access to scholarly books, journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, and other print reference sources. A lot of information on the Internet is FREE, except scholarly materials. A paid subscription is required to access.
- Knowledgeable and friendly librarians are available to assist with locating information in person, chat, e-mail or telephone. Request assistance at the beginning of your research and spare valuable time spent on the Internet.
- E-books are full-text and searchable. All E-book collections have records on the online catalog and can be accessed individually by title or in collections in collections like PsycBooks, Credo, Books 24x7, or EBSCO's E-Book Collection.
- The library has older materials than the Internet. Digitalization that goes back more than 10-15 years can be difficult to locate on the Internet. The Internet provides more timely information and is constantly updated.

### **E-Books Disadvantages**

- Thinking ability decreases where it stops us from thinking and solving the problems.
- By using computers, it may lead to health issues such as disorders in the wrist, neck, back, and eyes.
- Data security one of the major disadvantage when we use the computers, whereas we store all the private information on the PC where hackers try to gain access to your computer and put you at risk.
- It stops the face to face conversation between two people.
- At the same time, harmful to the environment when computers disposed at open grounds they release the harmful chemical such as lead and mercury into the environment.

- Moreover, it needs uninterrupted electricity to work if there are any power conflicts which may affect the productivity.
- Everything Is Not on the Internet the Internet consists of a small percentage of what's published. Search engines such as Google, AltaVista and FireFox and Yahoo access are limited. ALA reports that only 8% of all journals and even fewer books are on the Internet. The most reliable scholarly information is available in books and journals. Preliminary steps to find the appropriate search terms should start with print indexes and subject headings volumes.
- There is not a system that catalogs and organizes all resources on the Internet. A search on the Internet is similar to searching an unclassified catalog. When you use any of the search engines, you're searching only part of the Internet. Searches are not always relevant to your topic and can cause a lot of wasted time, frustration and confusion
- Quality control isn't easy to achieve on the Internet. Open Source information on the Internet is quite common and easy to get misinformed information. Anyone with access to the Internet can publish a Website.
- Information on the Internet is hard to tell who's telling you what and where is the location of the information. When you use information in your paper from the Internet, it's important to print it out and cite your sources. Information taken from the Web can change overnight. Information taken from the library or databases in the library gives the exact location. One must give full documentation when using information from a site. See the Academic Integrity Statement under Academic and Classroom Conduct for Tennessee State University's response to plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

### **Books Advantages**

- Books are the best companions which help in many situations such as thinking about fresh ideas and facing new challenges.
- By using and reading the books we will improve vocabulary, get inspired, and a great escape into a new world that you never even dreamed about.
- Moreover, it helps to gain knowledge regarding social cultures, and historical periods, etc.

- Books are one of the best stress relievers and encourage positive thinking. At the same time, it also stimulates your mind to get off from troubles.
- It's for everyone – even the non-computer literate readers will find no worries with printed books when they want to read.
- Though there seem to be many reasons to retire the paper book, there are many reasons not to. One of the most prominent reasons to not retire the paper book is because not all title's come in a digital format. Though many authors are succumbing to the digital trends, many authors or right-holders still prefer to release their material in paper book format. Ultimately, this means that readers who stick to paper books have more reading material available to them.
- Another advantage to the paper book is that paper books provide the owner with some beautiful art to look at. Many authors have worked long and hard on obtaining or creating the cover art that adorns their written work. For this reason, each edition of a book can easily be viewed as a piece of art. With digital editions of a book, that artwork is no longer present.
- choosing printed book is opting for prolonged existence and tangibility. It has ability to be seen forever on your shelf with other books

### **Books Disadvantages**

- If you read a book for a long time, you can get eye strain.
- With books, we cannot feel the sound or the special effects.
- Books make you live in a world of characters and lets you stop interacting with people or attending social gatherings.
- One disadvantage that many avid readers have expressed on the paper book is the amount of difficulty carrying around more than one book at a time. While some paper books are smaller, and therefore lighter, other paper books are larger and very difficult to carry around. Avid readers that travel a lot have had to either deal with the difficulty of transporting one or more book, or they have had to leave behind their best form of enjoyment.
- The difficulty in storing and organizing paper works has also irritated many avid readers. Unless there is a full library in a reader's home, finding the necessary storage space can be quite challenging. Most avid readers enjoy reading certain titles

more than once. This prevents them from trading in a book or opting to utilize the rent-to-read options available to them. If a reader is able to find appropriate storage space for the books, they still have the task of organizing them in a way that will allow them to easily find certain titles. For the organized mind, this task may be easy, and even enjoyable. For those who are disorganized by nature, however, it can be a daunting task. For these reasons, and more, many readers have opted to turn in their paper books for an eReader.

## Conclusion

I think for me both computer and book has equal importance and it depends on us how we use them. Realistically, we cannot live without modern technologies, but computers will never replace books. However we should also not forget the existence of books as there is saying that stones can never replace diamonds. Most of us need to have clarity for choosing what we need instead of what is available to us.

In Conclusion, books are better in providing reliable and useful information if you are doing a research or project. That is the reason why books will never die out even when the internet can provide so much information for users all over the world. The joy of reading a book cannot be replaced by internet even though the internet provides lots of reading material. Rather than the internet replacing books, website such as amazon are selling books online. The internet is new platforms buy books online. Users still prefer having papers to read. Thus, we can conclude that the internet will not 'kill' the books market but in return enhanced it.

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