

In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers or books because they will be able to read everything they want without paying. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

There has been much discussion revolving around whether the emergence of free e-books and online newspapers would eclipse the printed ones or not. While everything around us is switching to digital, I would argue that the conventional forms of reading materials will not disappear totally.

To start with, such a staggering number of websites illegally distribute books to the public which negatively affects publishing ~~that which~~ should s the burden of promoting literacy and broadens s people's horizons around the world. These activities infringe copyright which is a form of intellectual property law protecting the rights of writers, reporters, editors and many others who collaborate ~~on~~ in producing a book or newspaper. Only when they can make a living, can we expect them to continue publish reading materials. That is to say, turning the wheels of publishing, officials keep websites and cyber piracies under surveillance and punish them by imposing sanctions and banning their activities. When all is said and done, hardly can we find a reliable website on the internet to download free materials.

In addition, although e-books have enjoyed a surge d in popularity in recent years, they have yet to render physical books and newspapers obsolete due to many reasons. Firstly, many an avid reader cherishes the gesture of touching papers and the aesthetical values of physical books as well as sharing and giving them to others as a gift. Secondly, while reading an online version provides readers with some conveniences such as built-in dictionaries and encyclopedias, looking through pages and annotating are done more easily with the classic forms of books. Finally, individuals claim that they are more concentrated while reading printed books since book reader devices connect to the internet, thus distracting them by numerous notifications.

In conclusion, the internet by and large has placed the entire world and all the information in it at our fingertips. The free access to data could bring publishing to its knees, ~~albeit with some~~ hesitation, hence the importance of enforcing copyright to protect authors and other people who are involves involved in publishing reading materials, otherwise there would be no more books to read.