


Libraries should stop having a physical presence and instead only exist digitally (i.e. online).

| Pros  | Cons  |
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| There'd be a lower chance of theft and destruction from it.   | Well, digital books are boring...   |
| Digital books have more interactive capabilities.   | While books and libraries should be digitised, hard copies should remain. Only having digital copies reduces the chances of survival over time eg I have owned books which were 300 years old, but I cant access technology which is now only a few decades old. The books themselves physically also provide information about past technologies and cultures. |
| Digital libraries would be more eco-friendly than physical libraries.   | Being able to have multiple books open at once, in large formats (A4, A3 etc) with high res images is easy in a library but digitally would require a computer with multiple large high quality monitors that are expensive.  |
| Digital books are very portable.  | Various people (old, disabled, youth, etc.) generally have difficulties using modern technology such as e-book readers.   |
| Digital books can be loaned to multiple people simultaneously. Physical books, on the other hand, can be on loan to only one person at a time.  | There would be a loss of valuables.   |
| Digital books are easier to search within (for specific words or numbers) than physical books.  | Digitalised books or not, both are acceptable and wanted, depends on the person's preference. So both should be available for a person's use, until physical books are no longer sought.  |
| Libraries are getting <b>budget cuts</b> , so people will be able to access the libraries in a different place instead of not at all if their budgets get to a point where the libraries close. | People are limited to their mind's limitations (biases, imagination...) in a digital library, whereas they get exposed to ideas outside of their 'world' in a physical library.   |
| Obtaining information would be easier for those who cannot physically access libraries.   | Print copies are physiologically better for our bodies than e-books.  |
|   | Libraries act as equal access resources to the public, regardless of income.  |


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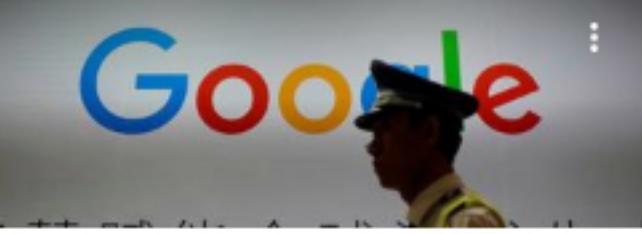
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