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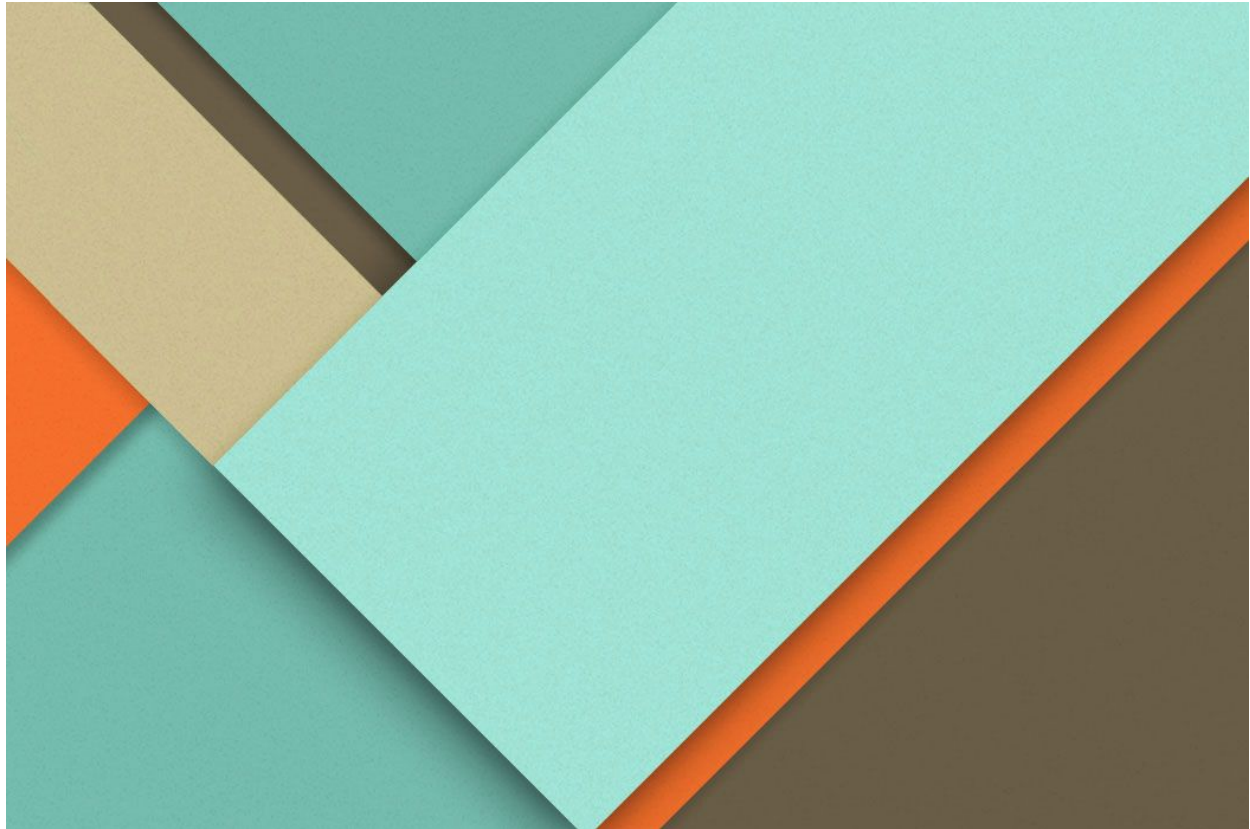
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# E-Book in Society

Object: electronic book

Subject: research of e-book in society

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## Abstract

The paper will present the second meaning use of electronic book in society. The research is going to take a look on both positive and negative effects of e-book. The aim is to understand whether the proposed concept of e-book in everyday life has beneficial or negative contribution to literature and future of books. The qualitative and quantitative research are going to identify two main points: benefit and negative contribution of e-book in society. The work on the selected topic is interesting because e-book is becoming popular way to read a book. The research project is going to find out how social, scholar and financial factors influence e-book consumption.

## Background

Justin Littman and Lynn Connaway have written a research analysis on “circulation Analysis of Print Book and E-book in an academic research library”<sup>1</sup> and other researchers have written on e-book and paper books within academic institution whereas the research I propose is going to solely to take into consideration financial, environmental, academic, culture and societal aspect of e-book.

## Existing State of Knowledge

In 20th century was a time of innovation and advance technology development.<sup>2</sup> Innovation has touched all areas of human activity, and has not bypassed the paper book, which has been a reliable

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<sup>1</sup> Littman, Justin, and Lynn Silipigni Connaway. 2004. “A Circulation Analysis Of Print Books And e-Books In An Academic Research Library.” *Library Resources & Technical Services* 48,4, pp 256-262

<sup>2</sup> McLellan, R. J.; Hawkins, N. (2006). “*Perspectives on the use and development of a broad range of e-books in higher education and their use in supporting virtual learning environments*”. *The electronic library*, vol. 24. no. 1, p. 68–82.

source of information from the ages. Use and dissemination of the new form of e-book became popular way to read.

### **Hypothesis**

E-book and pdf file are sources of new wave of information. The popularity of e-book could lead to a partial substitution of paper-bound books by their electronic equivalent.

### **Objective**

To find out the pros and cons of the e-book, how they occupy the academic environment and society.

### **Importance**

Answering question how e-book has negative and positive aspects, could change the way people<sup>3</sup> look at e-book. It could change the consumerism tactics of business who sell e-books and also could change how consumer view e-book. There is a gap of how much people know about e-book effects on our society, how learning and leisure purposes of e-book are different from paper book. That is why, the research is about finding the answer: should e-book replace paper book?

### **Findings**


Printed book is better in some situations, while e-book is better in others.<sup>4</sup>E-book is more appropriate for an evaluation of the book and storage. If there is a need for a more thorough, careful examination of material, such as artwork, there is a preference for printed publications.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Lam, Paul; Leung, Shun; Lam, John; McNaught, Carmel (2009). "Usability and Usefulness of eBooks on PPCs: How Students' Opinions Vary over Time". *Australasian journal of educational technology*, vol. 25, no. 1, p. 30–44.

<sup>4</sup> Bucknell, Terry. (2010). "*The 'big-deal' approach to acquiring e-books: a usage-based package*". *Serials*, vol. 23 no. 2, p. 126–34.

<sup>5</sup> Van der Velde, Wouter; Ernst, Olaf (2009). "*The future of ebooks? Will print disappear? An end-user perspective*". *Library hi tech*, vol. 27, no. 4, p. 570–583.



After examining the creation of e-book, I decided to create an electronic copy of the essay I've written for my history class. It came into my attention that in order to make an e-book a doc has to be converted to PDF. On the Internet, I found a free version of converting pdf to ebook at <https://myebookmaker.com/>

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### Research Questions:

- Do e-book are going to dominate?
- Do people prefer reading paper book or e-book?
- What is the future of paper books?
- What are the negative and positive effects of e-book?
- How e-book can change or has changed the way we read books?
- Comparing: how much time person spends in front of computer and reading e-book?

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