

E-BOOKS: A NEW MEDIA FOR LIBRARIES

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ABSTRACT

Production and usage of E-documents is growing at a fast phase. The article discusses various facts of the emerging area of E-books. Author has quoted various meaning of E-books from various books/articles etc. author has given information about how to read e-books , E-books reading software ,where can we find E-books and how much do they cost? How to keep current on E-book? Desktops and Laptops E-book readings software, Dedicated Readings devices, Digital research libraries book awards, free E-books etc.

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0 Introduction

The world is experiencing a continuous change in the ways the society lives, communicates and so on. With rapid growth and development in the use of modern information and communication technology and the Internet, a huge potential exists in the ways the information is published and made available to the individual at home, institutions or libraries and information centers. The production and usage of e -documents is growing at a fast pace and warrants serious consideration, especially in libraries and information centers. The present article proposes to study various facts of the emerging area of e-books.

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