

Use of E-Books in an Academic Environment : An Overview

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Abstract

This paper highlights the power that electronic books provide to traditional libraries for effective use their resources to their clients by improving the quality of their collections & access, while saving on the expense of maintaining paper-based books. Presents comprehensive definition of e-book and its types. Elaborates the genesis of e-books. Identifies the pros and cons. Discusses the use of e-books in an academic environment. Provides some e-book reader software & hardware. Also briefly discusses about digital right management system of e-books. In concision one may say that Academic Libraries should embrace the opportunities offered by electronic books to keep up with the ever-changing climate and the day is not far off when the paper book will become a relic of the past.

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