

New technologies challenge the shelf life of the book

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New technologies revolutionizing the publishing industry through the rapid proliferation of digital reading material in the market place. This paper highlights the evolution and potentiality of various digital resources, their pros and cons and users. The World Wide Web offers distinct possibilities in electronic publishing. It tries to present the impact of e-publishing on the behavior of the users.

This paper covers what topics/subjects are most likely to benefit from electronic publishing. It also discusses whether e-publishing represents a substantial financial risk. The e-publisher invests a considerable sum of money in their e-products. The work was undertaken and included desk based research involving a search of electronic catalogues and indexes and World Wide Web. Concludes that digital resources are rapidly becoming a variable alternative over the traditional medium.

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