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A library full of books, which has shelves lined up to the ceiling of the room, is a heaven for any book-lover. His eyes can't stop hovering, seeking and inspecting the names and authors of the books around him. For some, the library is a status symbol, but for most people who don't own one, it is a source of knowledge, fun and enjoyment. What is the future of the library?

The digital library is the future library, because only a limited number of people are borrowing books from libraries for the purpose of reading them. People will continue to pursue reading as a hobby, and today most of them are doing it from a screen, instead of a book. The future library will contain a much larger collection of books, which can be read digitally, because the importance of libraries where only specific books are available is fast diminishing.

The modern generation is hooked on to the net, and they are a curious lot, and are only satisfied if everything is visual and virtual. Hence it is best to introduce the E-library in schools, so that students can get all the information and news that they want right there in the library. On the outside the library should be made architecturally attractive too, so that it can become the most visited part of the school.

Books are definitely not going to be obsolete, because students will continue to visit digital libraries to update their information and reading. Reading material in all educational institutions should be updated by the librarian, who should bring about a good mixture of books as well as IT programs in order to encourage students to visit the school library, where they can find everything they need, and don't need to go elsewhere.

Earlier a library would be full of people who sat there for hours, sometimes for a number of days, if they were working on a project. They needed to be there, because the books were physically present in the library room and they could jot down notes. But the future library will have digital programs; perhaps containing the same material as in books, but available just with the click of a button.

The maintenance of a library is expensive, and it is the librarian, the historian and the archivist who is responsible for collecting and categorizing books. If libraries should continue to be funded, and the collections updated by employing a qualified librarian, people will automatically venture into such places and realize their worth and develop an interest for books. Information in today's world comes free, but the pleasure of reading a book cannot be compared to reading on a screen.

The craze for watching movies is not diminishing, and there are enough members for DVD and CD libraries. Many people are in the habit of downloading music and movies, which is illegal. In the long run, it is better to watch movies from DVD libraries, which most people are doing today.

The library will become a place of activity, where students will be interacting with each other and the digital world to learn and get new information. This is definitely a change from the traditional library where it was peaceful and quiet. But learning is taking a new turn, so why shouldn't the library continue to be a centre of learning, no matter what the methods may be.

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