

The Current Situation and Future Development of E-book Services of Libraries in Taiwan

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Mobile electronic devices such as cell phones and iPad have exponentially increased readership in e-books. This article first describes how libraries, in Taiwan and overseas, have been brought to update in their e-book services. Then, it narrates the plan involving the e-book programs and pilot projects for which the Computing Center of the Department of Education in Taiwan has been funding six universities and public libraries. Finally, it reports on the result of interviews conducted with patrons of National Taiwan Normal University Library, one of the institutions thus funded, to understand their e-book usage. Our finding indicates that readers are very much open to e-book services and would like to gain access to more e-books.

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