

Editorial proposes a switch to e-readers

In this technologically advanced society, people are always looking for what is next. E-readers replacing textbooks is something that we see

happening in the near future. E-readers have become increasingly popular for the avid book reader because they can save them a lot of money. If we apply the same concept to textbooks, it seems even more logical. E-readers would save students' family money and they would be much more convenient for the students.

We think the state of Indiana should replace textbooks with e-readers because everything would be in one place. You wouldn't have to worry about bringing the right books home. E-readers would also save money in the end.

There is no person out there who wouldn't want to save a little money here and there. The cost of renting an e-reader and downloading the textbooks on it versus the cost of renting textbooks yearly is sufficiently cheaper. According to Beloit College Magazine, you can save up to 50 percent annually by downloading textbooks on an e-reader versus renting them. E-readers would also alleviate most physical stress that students have to carry around. The e-reader text-

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books would also be updated every time it was downloaded, thus giving students new information.

E-readers would still have to be purchased by the school corporation and then be rented out. E-readers would come with new difficulties as well. If a student forgot to charge the e-reader or forgot to bring it to school that day, they would have no textbooks for that entire day. Teachers would have to police the e-readers to ensure that the students are working and not just getting on the internet.

If a student forgot to bring their e-reader, it could just be treated like they forgot their textbook. The student would have to finish the work at home. Schools could monitor the websites the students are getting on while using the e-reader.

E-readers should be used in schools. They are very cost efficient and convenient. The state of Indiana needs to take action and start pushing for the use of e-readers in school to replace the out dated textbooks.

Bookstore manager Sherry Knotts said, "I think schools will definitely switch over to e-readers in the future, the question is just when it will happen."

Do you think Indiana schools should replace textbooks with e-readers and why?



[MORGAN VELLINGER
Senior]

“Yes, because kids wouldn't have to bring home a backpack full of books.”



[CHRISTAIN THOMAS
Junior]

“No, I would rather use a textbook because I'm not good with technology.”



[COLLEEN BRYAN
Freshmen]

“I think it would be more convenient and you'd have to carry around less.”



[BECCA SHADE
Sophomore]

“Yes, because then you won't have to carry your books around school or take them home.”



[DONOVAN ROBINSON
Teacher]

“Not now, because the cost to supply that many people is not practical at this moment.”