**Popularity Of Reading**

A recent study has shown that more than half of children would prefer their friends to not see them reading. So, to make sure their friends don’t see them, some children stop reading altogether.

The average person in Britain only reads around 5 books in a whole year; whereas 10 years ago the average amount of books read was 12. That is a 70% drop in the popularity of books that plainly states what is happening to this generation.

E-readers and Kindles are becoming more popular by the day; over a million books have been downloaded onto these devices, and many more are to come. This is another reason why books aren’t as popular as they used to be. Kindles and E-reader’s have had so many sales because: they’re lightweight, can hold 1000’s of books, and are generally more suitable and appealing for the public today.

Some people don’t even know whether there is a library within their community. People tend to go to the national libraries now, instead of their local ones. The local but small libraries are beginning to close down due to the lack of people coming to lend the books they have. If you want to keep your local library where it is, go and borrow your books from there.

So, as a result of all this new technology and stigma, the popularity of books has drastically been reduced.

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