



THE YOUTH IN THE ERA OF DIGITALISATION

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Beyond the book—this is how the youth read

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Those of us who love literature are haunted by an ever-looming threat: that reading as a practice around the world is dwindling. In some ways, the threat is potent and evident—if public libraries around the world are starving from lack of funding, the very idea of visiting libraries to read for leisure is a rarity here in Bangladesh, given their shabby states. Inundated by self-published content, often of poor quality, the Bangladeshi publishing

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This article, however, is a happy story. Happy because even in the face of these obstacles, the world of books both globally and in Bangladesh has



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