Do you prefer online reading or books？

As online reading becomes more common and more and more

resource are converted to digital form,some people suggested that

public libraries should be shut down and,in their place ,everyone should

be given an iPad with an e-reader subscription.

Proponents of this idea state that it will save local cities and towns money because libraries are expensive to maintain.They also believe it will encourage more people to read because they won't have to travel to library to get a book;they can simply click on what they want to read and read it from wherever they are.They could also access more materials because libraries won't have to buy physical copies of books;they can simply rent out as many digital copies as they need.

However ,it would be a serious mistake to replace libraries with tablets.First,digital books and resources are associated with less learning and more problems than print resources .A study done on tablet vs book reading found that people read 20%-30% slower on tablets,retain 20% less information ,and understand 10% less of what they read compared

to people who read the same information in print.Additionally,staring too long at a screen has been shown to cause numerous health problems ,including blurred vision,dizziness,dry eyes,headaches ,and eyes strain,I know that whenever I read from my e-reader for too long ,my eyes begin to feel tired and my necks hurts ,We should not add to these problems by giving people ,especially young people ,more reasons to look at screens.

Second ,it is incredibly narrow-minded to assume that the only service libraries offer is book lending.Libraries have a multitude of benefits,and many are only available if the library has a physical location.Some of these benefits include acting as a quite study space,giving people a way to converse with their neighbors,holding classes on a variety of topics,providing jobs ,answering patron questions ,and keeping the community connected.recently ,a Pew survey conducted in 2015 found that nearly two-thirds of American adults feel that closing their local library would have a major impact on their community.People see libraries as a way to connect with others and get their questions answered ,benefits tablets can't offer nearly as well or as easily.

While replacing libraries with tablets may seem like a simple solution,it would encourage people spend even more time looking at digital screens ,despite the myriad issues surrounding them.it would also end access to

many of the benefits of libraries that people have come to rely on.In many areas ,libraries are such an important part of the community network that they could never be replaced by a simple object.