

Critical Studies

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We've all been to the library, haven't we?

It seems like all libraries are all the same—providing us a quiet space to read physical books or e-books. In recent years, the number of different types of libraries has increased, libraries have more and more focused on the reading experience above anything else.

Libraries are divided into two types. One type is in the university, and the other type are libraries for the public.

Libraries established in the school no longer only focus on physical collections, but pay more attention to obtaining information and digital resources. In fact, I think the purpose of the school library is to obtain knowledge, and getting knowledge into the mind as quickly as possible—the more the better, the faster the better. Like data, it is best to copy and paste directly to the reader's mind.

However, libraries in society, such as libraries established by the state or privately established libraries, pay more attention to the experience of reading. What is important is whether a person can enter the world of the book and experience different cultures when they concentrate on reading – getting an immersive reading experience. To some extent, going to this kind of library to read has become a way to spend time and enjoy life.

In my ideal world, physical libraries may no longer exist. Even humans themselves will not exist. We will upload our awareness to a huge server, and then we don't need to worry about our livelihood. Everyone will become absolutely equal, and there will be no physical inconvenience.

This would mean that knowledge can be acquired without deliberate learning.

When I was a child, I tried to memorize something in order to acquire knowledge, which consumed a lot of energy and brought me average results. The knowledge

that each of us can have is limited. Even an expert only has knowledge in a certain field, but many creative projects need to be carried out across disciplines, which limits our thinking and creativity to a certain extent. Imagine that knowledge could be simply transferred to the brain like a file is copied to a USB flash drive, each of us would gain a lot of knowledge. What we need to do is to think about how knowledge interacts across disciplines. These operations cannot be replaced by computers.

When people want to get a sense of reading experience, they only need to get a VR helmet to get an immersive reading experience (if human beings are still physical creatures).

This library would be open to everyone and free of charge.



the huge server for human awareness