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Project Idea

Reading Application

In the past few years reading has been on the decline. According to a 2015 study by the National Endowment for the Arts the amount of adults who have read a book during the past year was 43%. This is the lowest recorded percentage ever taken by the NEA. Reading is associated with many benefits such as better memory, reduced stress, and higher vocabulary. Many people all over the world wish to read more, but might not know where to start. My suggestion for a project would be an app that could help people read more. This app could do many things that help people take a step back from the real world and relax with a good book. One of the features could be a way to track how much a user is reading. Users could set specific reading goals and the app could keep track of their progress towards those goals. For example, if Jessica wants to read one book every month the app could help keep track of how much she's read and how productive each reading session is. The app could split the book into manageable chunks and help busy people fit in more time for reading. We could even expand on the app to include recommendations for books, a vocabulary builder, or even features to share progress with friends. This app would be designed for busy people, or those who don't do much recreational reading to be a great start to reading regularly. With this app we could help ease this group of people into the wonderful world of literature.