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Reading Online Books Through The Internet

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Summary:

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Article Body:

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Several large projects have appeared in the last few years which give people access to thousands of these books. Some of the largest archives include Allosia Online Books, Project Gutenberg, The Sacred Text Archive, and the project of the University of Pennsylvania.

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