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eBook Trend

This article was interesting but didn't really tell me anything I wasn't already aware of. Ebooks are on the rise, paper books are declining, publishers, just like the music industry crisis of years passed, are scrambling to find ways of staying relevant. While I think the trend will continue for many years and through a variety of mediums, people will still need tangible books because batteries will not last forever.

Libraries will also have to find ways of adapting to the change. Even though people can currently download many new books, there are many more that have never been scanned and might not ever be scanned. These old books need a place to exist where we can still access the wisdom of times past. I think as a result most libraries will change the way they function. They will become more like gathering places for knowledge discovery and discussion rather than a place where books are kept.

New York and the Vanguard of Digital Design

This is a great article on several projects aimed at providing insight into social and economic issues relevant to the times. The most interesting project out of the bunch is the "Million Dollar Blocks" project where the economic costs of imprisonment in NYC are analysed closer. Visually I like the placement of icons and the use of color within the entire space. I love maps as well so I find anything placed on a map pretty inspiring.