
**How often are students reading paper and digital books?**
- Approximately one-third reported rarely or never reading books.
- One-third reported reading books more often in paper than digital.
- 15% of students read more books in digital format.
- 13% of students read books in both digital and paper format equally.

**Student reading habits and PISA 2018 reading performance**
- In the 2018 PISA test cycle, students who reported reading books on paper more often scored **49 points more** than those who rarely or never read books, while students who reported reading digital books more often scored only **15 points more**.**
- Strong readers tended to either read **print-books**, or balanced **print and digital**. (i.e. read the news and browsed the internet for schoolwork on digital devices, while still enjoying print-books.)

**How often are students reading paper/digital books for enjoyment compared to those who rarely/never read books?**
- Digital book readers: around **3 more hours** per week
- Print-book readers: around **4 more hours** per week
- Readers in both formats: around **5 more hours** per week

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*After accounting for students’ and schools’ socioeconomic background (** and gender)*

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