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Architectures of the Book: The Materiality of Digital Reading

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Abstract

A challenge facing the humanities today is to connect the study of the history of books and reading with their emerging future, and to do so without limiting ourselves to observation and prognostication. One response to that challenge is to connect the traditional strengths of historical and textual scholarship to the designing and prototyping of new kinds of digital books and reading environments. The Implementing New Knowledge Environments (INKE) project was brought together to rethink what the book can become in a digital environment, to pursue that thinking in a broadly interdisciplinary intellectual network, and to implement that thinking in prototypes to be shared on an open-source basis with the public. This presentation will provide an overview of INKE in relation to questions facing the humanities in general, such as our role in the design of new technologies, and the historical links between materiality, technology, and the cultural imagination.

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A reception will follow

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