

One final post: The Future of the Book - the votes are in!

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I promised that we would share the results of the poll we conducted during **Imprentit**, where visitors were asked to vote on the question: 'Do you think that people will still be reading printed books in 100 years' time?'

Out of 881 votes, **812** voted **YES** and **69** voted **NO**.

Of course this was a traditional cross-in-ballot-box vote - maybe if we had asked people online, we would have had a different response. But my own personal opinion is that people will always read printed text, however the technologies of print will change, although they may use other ways to find information than reading printed texts. People still read newspapers, but they also get their news from all kinds of other sources; they still look at train timetables, but they also consult everything from teletext to twitter to get the latest travel news.

But even in the age of the e-book, I also think that there will always be a place for the **codex** - like the wheel, it's a simple invention that functions brilliantly.

So here ends our **Imprentit** blog - from the statistics, it looks as if some of these entries have had as many visitors as our real exhibition did. We're going to leave this site up - some time in the new year, we hope to launch a new NLS Rare Books blog which will be regularly updated with news about acquisitions, displays, events, and sometimes just interesting stuff that we find in our collections - watch this space...