

Schools shift from textbooks to tablets

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(AP)—Schools no longer have to wait for textbook companies to print new editions to get the latest events. In some cases, it's as simple as a teacher hitting "refresh."

Welcome to the new digital bookcase, where traditional ink-and-paper textbooks have given way to [iPads](#) or similar handheld tablets. Publishers can update students' books almost instantly.

Schools are eyeing the devices as a way to sustain students' interest and keep per-pupil costs down.

In coming years, more of these programs may be the norm. [New York City](#) Council Speaker Christine Quinn has suggested replacing textbooks with tablets, and Los Angeles also is starting the shift. Even smaller schools are looking to move to [digital textbooks](#) or give them to students as a reward.

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