

Robots and Reading

Ok so maybe Robots can't actually sit down and read a book the way we can despite what we see in movies - but did you know they are helping in the world of books and reading?

From social robot assistants to book scanning machines to cute storytellers, here are just some of the ways Robots are lending a hand, eye and ear.

In libraries...



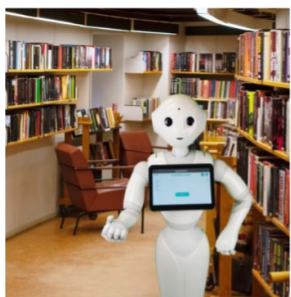
They can issue and accept book returns

You have probably used these in shops and libraries, they may not look like it, but they are still robots! Most libraries have automated self-service machines which will issue and discharge your books – but not put them back on the shelves (yet?)



They can locate, scan and sort books

Libraries in Singapore and South Korea are way ahead of us - they use robots to find misplaced books on the shelf, sort returned books for shelving and travel the library floor so people can return books more easily.



They can meet, greet and guide in a public library

Pepper is an interactive social robot who is being used in several libraries across the world to welcome, guide and assist customers. Pepper is supposed to be able to read body language and emotions too which could be very helpful!



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Help, encouragement and inspiration with reading...



Robots are designed to be patient, encouraging companions! In some countries little smartphone based robots like **Tega** are helping Refugee children learn to read books in a new language, they never get tired, and are cute companions.



They can read you a story

There are little robots like **Luka**, that can read picture books aloud in multiple languages. Luka also has audio stories and music.



You can read them a story

Some robots like **Moxie**, love to have stories read to them - by kids. Moxie listens and provides soft music and sound effects! By being asked for stories the kids can be encouraged to read more - and maybe move on to reading to family members.

