DIGITAL LIBRARIES STILL FIND A PLACE FOR BOOKS

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I'm Steve Ember.
MATCH THE SENTENCE PARTS TO MAKE COMPLETE SENTENCES

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WRITE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

1 Who is Mark Stover? __________________________________________________________________________

2 Who is Steve Kutay? __________________________________________________________________________

3 Who is Helen Heinrich? ________________________________________________________________________

4 Who is Steve Ember? __________________________________________________________________________

5 What is a digital library? ______________________________________________________________________

6 How many books does the Cal State Northridge library have? ________________________________

7 How many magazines and newspapers does the Cal State Northridge library have? ______________

8 Have you ever used a digital book? Tell me about it. ____________________________________________

9 What are the advantages of a digital book? ______________________________________________________

10 What are the disadvantages of a digital book? _________________________________________________


12 Which library needs more room—one with books or one with digital books? Why? _________________

13 Why is the library digitizing its paper holdings? ________________________________________________

14 Why are some libraries making sure that hard copies of books remain in storage? _________________

15 Are you dependent on the Internet? Explain your answer. _________________________________________

16 What is a cyber attack? ______________________________________________________________________

17 What did you learn from this text that you did not know before? _________________________________

18 Do you think there will be print books twenty years from now? Why? ____________________________

19 How do you read digital books? ____________________________________________________________________