

Hello,

My name is Margriet and I'm the Benjamin of the Dutch group. The last three years I studied Dutch language and culture in Groningen. Currently I'm following a master about the history and literature of the Golden Age. That's the period between 1600 and 1700, the period of P.C. Hooft, Constantijn Huygens, Joost van den Vondel, but also the time The Netherlands became a republic. A very fascinating time!

A professor in Groningen informed us about the literature project and because I'm fond of everything related to books, I decided to join the project. I'm going to tell you about how we as younger people experience literature. Instead of a long speech in bad English, I'm going to show you how we experience it!

Films of books; like 'pride and prejudice', 'the time travelers wife' and 'the notebook':

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARWfCB0ZDM>

A lot of people want to read the book and see the film or will be made enthusiastic through the movie posters to read the book.

Or a funny version of a book; 'Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters':

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_jZVE5uF24Q&feature=related

And a uncommon way of writing a book: twitter. We also use twitter to discuss which first sentence of a book we most like, to discuss the books that we just read and there are people who wrote a book on twitter:

<http://laughingsquid.com/my-life-in-tweets-a-book-of-twitter-posts-by-james-bridle/>

We also like websites which are in the style of a book:

[link=<http://www.zweinsteindigitaal.com/?lng=en>]Hogwarts Digital[/link]

Where 'students' are made enthusiastic about the books, because a lot of them become a member of the site through the films.

Do I have to mention more? Hyves [A Dutch site for social networks], Facebook, national meetings..

I think we can conclude, that younger people don't read as much as older people wish. But we don't need books, to be informed about the things that happen in the world of books. And we are not reading in a direct way, but we are still keeping in touch with books, but on our own way!