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**Why Are We Discussing This?**

# Global Trends in School Education

	<b>France</b>	Piloting a mobile phone ban for students under 15 to reduce screen time and promote learning with printed materials.
	<b>Brazil</b>	Two-thirds of schools restrict smartphones, with 28% banning them, to prioritize printed textbooks for focused learning.
	<b>Luxembourg</b>	Smartphone ban for children under 11 starts by Easter 2025, emphasizing traditional educational methods.
	<b>Italy</b>	Phones banned in classrooms at all school levels, reinforcing the value of distraction-free, printed resources.
	<b>Netherlands</b>	Non-educational smartphone use banned in schools (2024), shifting focus to books and hands-on learning.
	<b>Australia</b>	Debates on restricting devices stress the importance of tangible, printed resources for effective learning.



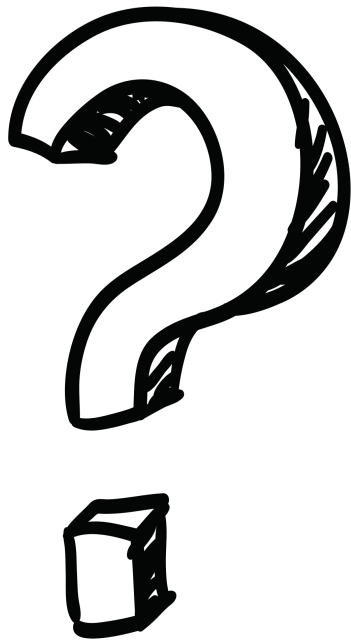
## Global Trends in School Education

15 years after replacing books with computers, Sweden is now investing €104 million to bring back printed textbooks.

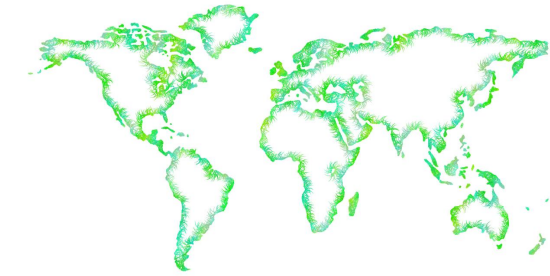


### The reason?

Officials believe the digital-first approach has failed to develop fundamental skills like reading and writing. Once again, computers are being set aside to make room for traditional textbooks in the curriculum.



# Region Wise Insights



Region	Trends and Insights
<b>North America</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High adoption of digital inkjet for trade books and textbooks.</li> <li>• K-8 textbook orders have risen by upto 20%, indicating strong demand for printed materials.</li> <li>• The region accounts for 34.6% of the global digital printing market, driven by sustainability and innovation. <a href="#">1</a></li> <li>• Significant investments in advanced digital printing technologies are prevalent.</li> </ul>
<b>Europe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong emphasis on sustainability drives growth in digital printing adoption.</li> <li>• High-quality printing is essential for preserving the vibrant colors and sharpness of printed materials.</li> </ul>
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational publishing is a key growth driver, focusing on localized and multi-language production.</li> <li>• Countries like China and India are rapidly adopting digital printing technologies, in addition to long run conventional print.</li> </ul>
<b>Latin America &amp; Africa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth in education printing is notable, but adoption is slower due to infrastructure challenges.</li> <li>• Emerging markets are gradually increasing their investment in digital printing solutions as educational demands rise. <a href="#">3</a></li> </ul>

# Market Dynamics: The Movement from Ten Thousands to Thousands

## Decline in Medium Runs

- Global demand for medium-run "tens of thousands" has shifted to shorter-run "thousands" or even batch-of-one production.
- **Market Shift:** Publishers are increasingly opting for shorter runs, typically in the "thousands" or even single copies.

## Rise of Agility in Short-Run and On-Demand Production

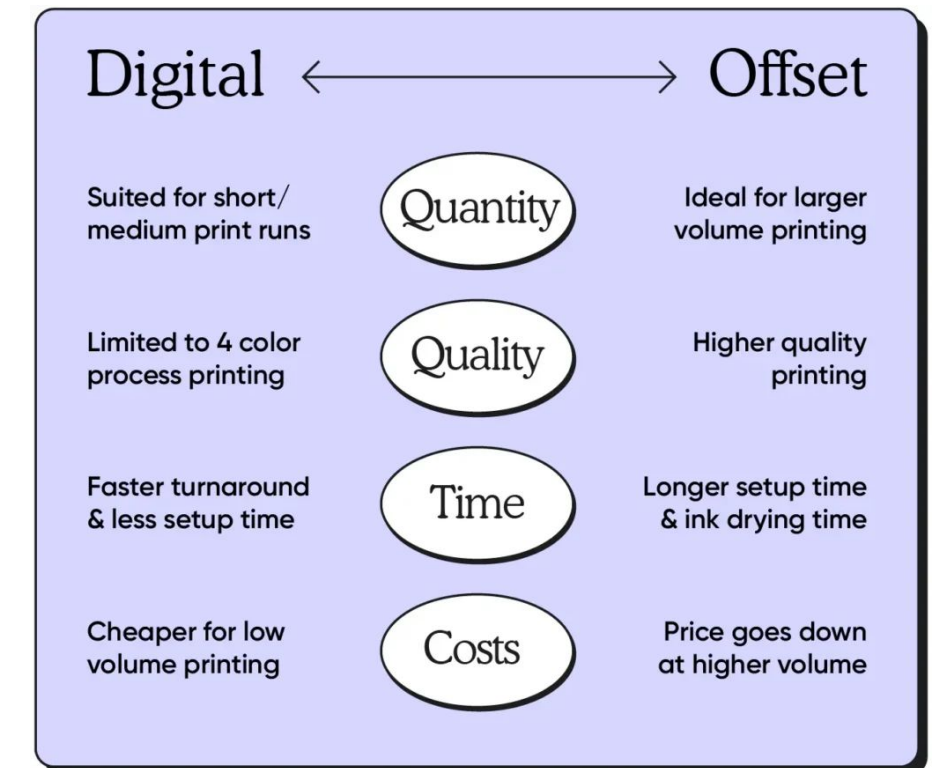
- **Digital Inkjet Efficiency:** Digital printing allows for on-demand production, minimizing overproduction, wastage and storage costs
- **Rapid Reprints:** Publishers can quickly respond to market demands without incurring high inventory costs.

## Data Highlight

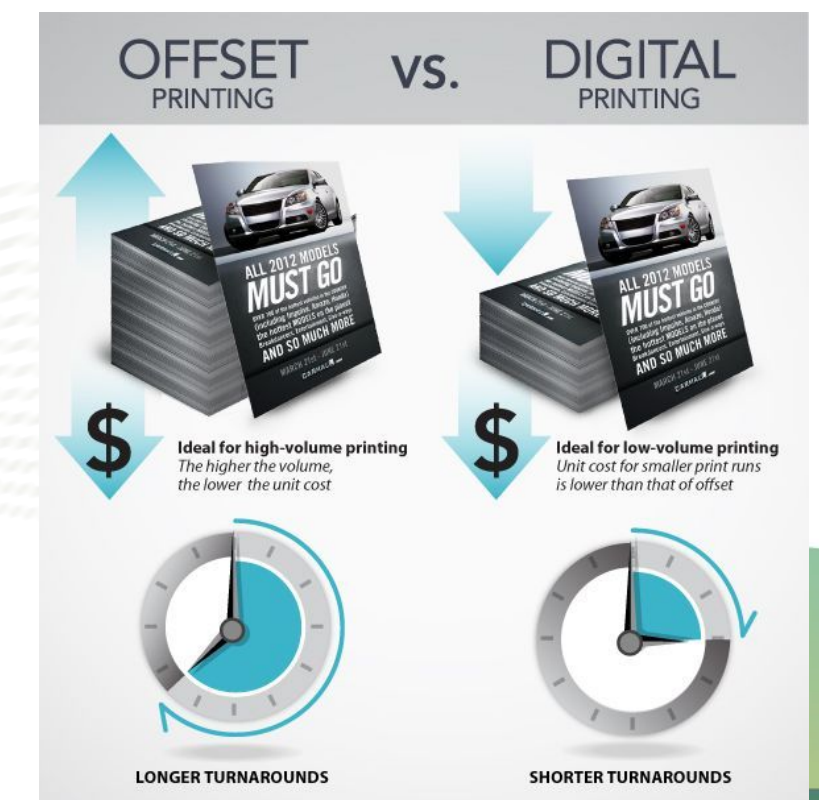
- **Waste Reduction:** Digital printing can reduce paper usage by up to 80% for frequently updated titles, as reported by major publishers [2](#).
- **Inventory Management:** On-demand models significantly decrease the need for excess inventory, aligning print quantities with actual demand [13](#).

*This shift not only enhances operational efficiency but also aligns with sustainability goals, making digital printing a pivotal strategy in modern publishing.*

Source: <https://jpsbooksandlogistics.com>



Source: [The Business Research Company](#)



Source: [Offset Printing Technology](#)

# The Print Landscape: Technology Matrix: Meeting Diverse Needs

Print Type	Best For	Advantages	Use Case
Long Runs	Web Offset	High-speed production, cost-effective for large volumes	Newspapers, magazines, private and government textbooks
Medium Runs	Sheet-fed Offset	Excellent quality, color consistency	Brochures, catalogs
Short Runs	Digital Print (Toner, Cut-sheet, Reel-fed)	Quick turnaround, minimal setup costs	Personalized books, Marketing materials



## Challenge: Quality vs. Cost-Effectiveness:



- There is an ongoing "tug of war" between sheet-fed offset and digital inkjet technologies regarding print quality and cost-effectiveness.
- While sheet-fed offset excels in high-quality outputs for medium runs, digital inkjet offers flexibility and lower costs for short runs, creating a complex decision-making landscape for printers.

# What are the Opportunities for us?

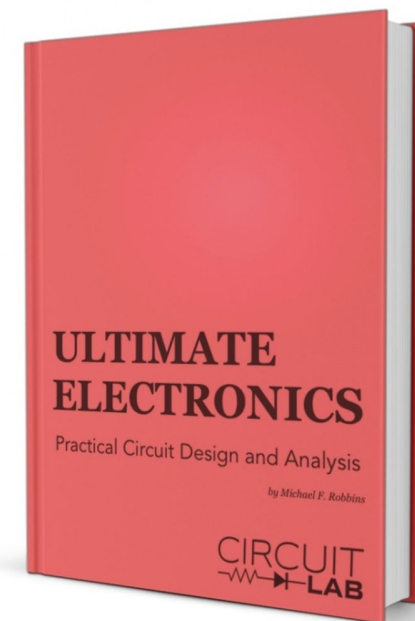


## Textbooks (K12 Education)

**Long Run:** High-speed systems for bulk production

**Hybrid Run:** Adaptability for mixed batch sizes

**Short Run:** Supplementary materials or pilot distributions



## Academic Publishing (Higher Education)

**Long Run:** Standard texts for wide distribution

**Hybrid Run:** Flexibility for varying run lengths

**Short Run:** Custom runs for niche topics and updates



## Focused Training Centers

**Long Run:** Rarely needed due to small audiences

**Hybrid Run:** Balanced approach for semi-regular updates

**Short Run:** Frequent updates or tailored content



## Test Preparation Centers and Publishers

**Long Run:** Bulk production during high-demand periods

**Hybrid Run:** Flexibility for mid-cycle revisions

**Short Run:** Quick turnarounds for corrections or syllabus add-ons



# What are the Opportunities for us?



## Trade Publishing

**Long Run:** Bestsellers with predictable demand

**Hybrid Run:** Medium-run batches for efficient inventory management

**Short Run:** Custom editions, limited releases, on-demand

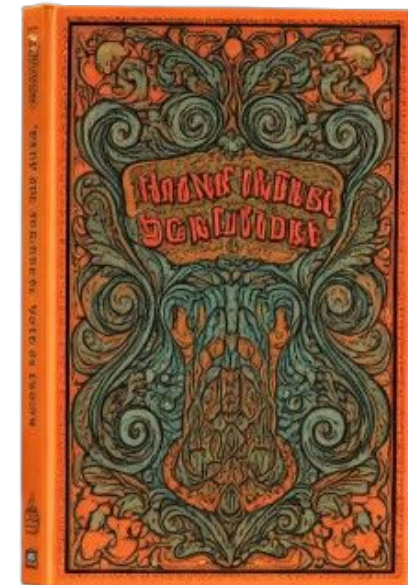


## Self-Publishing

**Long Run:** Rarely used due to low volume

**Hybrid Run:** Useful for medium-volume self-publishers

**Short Run:** On-demand or niche audience printing



## Specialized/Niche Publishers

**Long Run:** Rare unless broad appeal

**Hybrid Run:** Balancing quality with reasonable batch sizes

**Short Run:** One-off editions or limited collectors runs



## NGOs and Educational Initiatives

**Long Run:** Widespread distribution of educational materials

**Hybrid Run:** Batch flexibility for regional language editions

**Short Run:** Custom content for localized or pilot projects

# Challenges of transition from Offset to Inkjet



## High Ink Costs

- Digital inkjet printing faces higher ink costs, making it less competitive for large volume runs compared to offset printing, where the cost per unit decreases significantly with higher quantities.



## Perception of Quality:

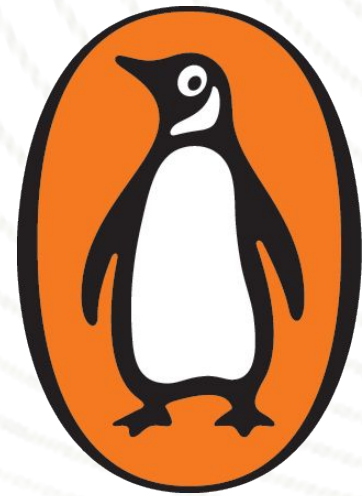
- Despite improvements, some publishers remain skeptical about digital inkjet matching offset's sharpness and vibrancy, particularly for high-end books. Offset printing traditionally offers superior color accuracy and consistency, especially for complex designs.



## CapEx for Publishers:

- Transitioning to digital inkjet requires substantial upfront investment in new equipment and technology, which can be a barrier for many publishers looking to adopt this method.

# Case Studies of Successful Transition



Penguin  
Random  
House



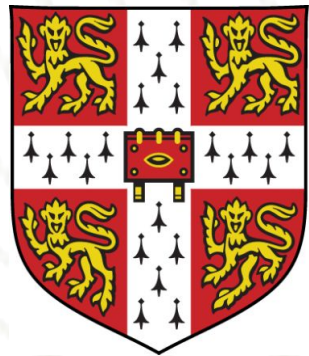
direct  
publishing

2011	Adopted digital printing for short-run reprints.	Enhanced inventory management, reduced storage costs, and minimized overproduction risks.
2011	Initiated shift with Quad/Graphics for print-on-demand strategies.	Allowed production of books in smaller quantities, responding agilely to market demands.

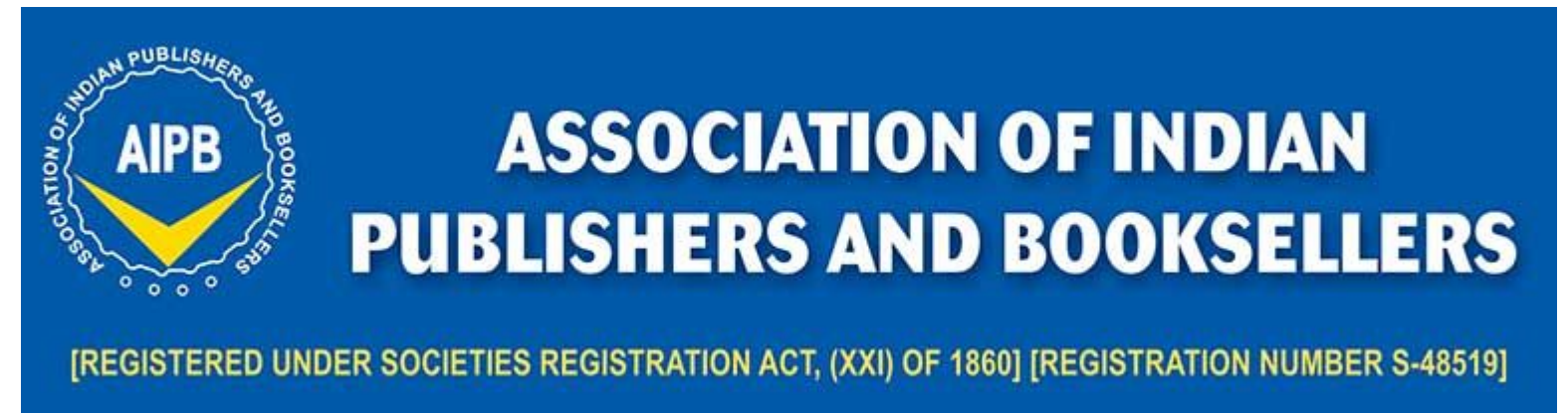
2016	Utilizes digital inkjet for on-demand paperback printing.	Eliminates large inventory needs, facilitates immediate fulfillment, and reduces waste from unsold copies.
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# Case Studies of Successful Transition



# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS



2016	Incorporates digital printing for regional versions of textbooks.	Tailors content to localized syllabi, ensuring relevance and accessibility for diverse student populations.
2016	Launched Cambridge Core to enhance digital access to publications.	Streamlined distribution and increased efficiency in academic content dissemination.

Gradually since 2010s	Transitioning to digital inkjet for supplemental materials and pilot editions.	Reduces reliance on long-run offset production, allowing rapid updates and testing of new editions.
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# Opportunities for Innovation: The Future of Bookbinding

## Integration of Digital and Offset Workflows:

**Seamless Collaboration:** Combines digital and offset printing for optimized efficiency.

**Flexible Production:** Switch between long and short runs to meet demand.



## Enhancing Agility in Reprints and Short-Run Customization:

**Rapid Turnaround:** Enables quick reprints and title customization.

**Personalization:** Offers tailored content for niche markets, boosting engagement.




## Sustainable and Cost-Effective Solutions for Publishers:

**Reduced Waste:** On-demand printing minimizes overproduction and waste.

**Cost Efficiency:** Lowers costs with just-in-time printing and reduced storage.





**Presenting:  
Bindwel's Spectrum of Innovation**

# SPRINT

Agile. Automated.  
Sustainable.

The Sprint-Bind framework integrates digital-powered workflows and advanced printing technologies, enabling seamless transitions across batch sizes while reducing waste. Products like Freedom Series Binders and Insta systems ensure high productivity while delivering diverse book titles with precision for a wide variety of print buyers, including traditional and boutique publishers.



**Models:** [INSTA](#), [Freedom 2K Auto](#), [Trimit 30C Auto Freedom SRT](#)

# MARATHON

Relentless. Fast.  
Enduring.

Bindwel's Marathon framework delivers efficient, reliable large-scale book production for high-demand environments. The Bindline system ensures unmatched speed, cost-effectiveness, and precision, meeting stringent standards for government subsidies and publishers. Ideal for factory-scale operations, it ensures consistent, high-volume output with long-term reliability



**Models:** [EKAM Bindline](#), [Freedom 5K](#),  
[Trimit 50C](#), [Signa 5K](#)



# RELAY

Flexible. Precise.  
Scalable.

Bindwel's RELAY framework combines Marathon's Endurance with Sprint-Bind's Agility, offering solutions for both bulk production and bespoke projects. Innovations like binders - be it Freedom 2K-Automatic or BW@2500 are connected either inline or nearline with Trimit 30C provide unmatched flexibility. At Printpack 2025, Bindwel will demonstrate real-time precision, setting benchmarks in printing and binding solutions.



**Models:** [BW@2500](#), [Trimit 30C](#),  
[Millennium Gauzing](#)

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*From on Demand to Long Run Solutions*

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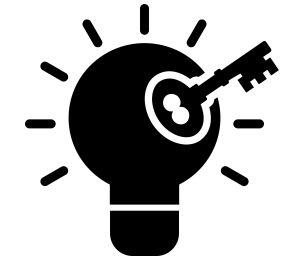


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# Q & A Session

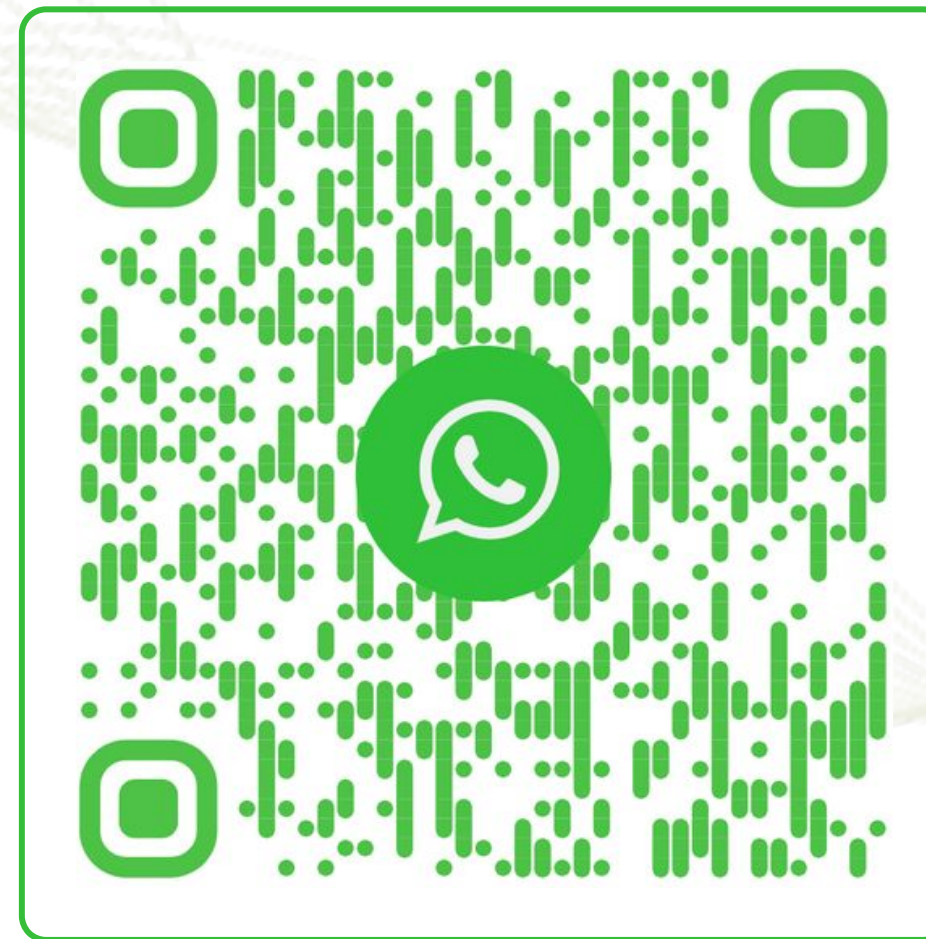


## KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. **Shift to Printed Books:** Global trend moving from digital devices to printed books in education.
2. **Textbook Demand Growth:** Large markets like the US show increasing demand for textbooks.
3. **Changing Print Runs:** Traditional large runs (hundreds of thousands) still relevant; Growing shift to shorter runs (tens of thousands to under a thousand).
4. **Rise of Single-Book Printing:** Rapid growth in demand for one-book runs in the US and Europe.
5. **India's Digital Print Market:** Predominantly focused on short-run production.
6. **Challenges in Digital Printing:** Questions about quality, costs, and investment remain. However, gaps are closing quickly.
7. **Opportunities in Customization:** High potential for customized educational/training books and self-publishing.
8. **Strategic Investments:** Critical to develop the right workflows and invest in post-press equipment.
9. **Bindwel at Printpack:** Presenting Sprint, Relay, and Marathon binding solutions to support the evolving print ecosystem.

# LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION!

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