

→ Fast Facts

→ Summer reading

A selection of summer reading program titles:

- The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: *Home*, by Toni Morrison
- Appalachian State University: *American Dervish*, by Ayad Akhtar
- Seton Hall University: *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls
- Cornell University: *When the Emperor Was Divine*, by Julie Otsuka
- Duke University and Goucher College: *Let the Great World Spin*, by Colum McCann
- Smith College: *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor
- Middle Tennessee State University: *A Question of Freedom*, by R. Dwayne Betts
- SUNY-Brockport: *Creating Room to Read: A Story of Hope in the Battle for Global Literacy*, by John Wood
- The University of Louisiana-Monroe: *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*, by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman

Sources: Individual Web sites.

→ Internet trends

There are now 2.4 billion Internet users around the world, with an average 8 percent year-over-year growth rate. Iran experienced a 205 percent growth rate last year while the U.S. user base grew by 3 percent. The amount of global digital information created and shared grew nine times in five years to nearly 2 zettabytes (2 trillion gigabytes) in 2011. More than 500 million photos are uploaded and shared every day. One hundred hours of video are uploaded per minute to YouTube.

Mary Meeker and Liang Wu, "2013 Internet Trends," Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, May 29, 2013, www.kpcb.com/insights/2013-internet-trends (retrieved June 3, 2013).

→ Senior Web users

Users aged 65 and older are 43 percent slower at using Web sites than users aged 21 to 55. For example, their decreased motor skills make clicking small links and reading small text more difficult. In testing middle-aged users, one study found that between the ages of 25 and 60, people's ability to use Web sites declines by 0.8 percent per year.

Nielsen Norman Group, "Senior Citizens on the Web, 2nd Edition," May 28, 2013, www.nngroup.com/reports/senior-citizens-on-the-web (retrieved June 3, 2013).

→ Latin American Internet users

Of the five global regions, Latin America had the fastest growing Internet population, increasing 12 percent in the past year to more than 147 million unique visitors in March 2013. The Asia-Pacific region still accounts for the largest number of Internet users, with 644 million users online.

comScore, Inc., "2013 Latin America Digital Future in Focus," May 23, 2013, www.comscore.com/Insights/Press_Releases/2013/5/comScore_Releases_2013_Latin_America_Digital_Future_in_Focus_Report (retrieved June 3, 2013).

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