



Issues faced in digitally repurposing printed archival material

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The "Seeing Ear" On-Line Library (the first general on-line library in the UK) has been providing books in an electronic format to EU users for the last 5 years. While this provision has been within the context of print-disability, the challenges that the Library has faced and is facing are common to everyone repurposing printed archival material. Key issues faced by anyone contemplating such a project are the choices of hardware and software, error rates and reduction, feature analysis and extraction, archival (meta)format. We present our answers to these questions to facilitate the on-line presentation of popular climatological material.