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with Sebastian Schmieg and Amazon Kindle Users
Amazon Mechanical Turk is a marketplace for work. We give businesses and developers access to an on-demand, scalable workforce. Workers select from thousands of tasks and work whenever it's convenient.

105,755 HITs available. View them now.

Make Money by working on HITs

HITs - Human Intelligence Tasks - are individual tasks that you work on. Find HITs now.

As a Mechanical Turk Worker you:

- Can work from home
- Choose your own work hours
- Get paid for doing good work

Get Results from Mechanical Turk Workers

Ask workers to complete HITs - Human Intelligence Tasks - and get results using Mechanical Turk. Register Now

As a Mechanical Turk Requester you:

- Have access to a global, on-demand, 24 x 7 workforce
- Get thousands of HITs completed in minutes
- Pay only when you're satisfied with the results

Find an interesting task  Work  Earn money

Fund your account  Load your tasks  Get results

or Learn more about being a Worker

Amazon Mechanical Turk
The original mechanical Turk (XVIII century)
Highlighting a passage on a Kindle.
Psychologist William James said that possibly the deepest human need is the need to feel appreciated. Words of affirmation will meet that need in many individuals. If you are not a man or woman of words, if it is not your primary love language but you think it may be the love language of your spouse, let me suggest that you keep a notebook titled "Words of Affirmation." When you read an article or book on love, record the words of affirmation you find. When you hear a lecture on love or you overhear a friend saying something positive about another person, write it down. In time, you will collect quite a list of words to use in communicating love to your spouse.

You may also want to try giving indirect words of affirmation—that is, saying positive things about your spouse when he or she is not present. Eventually, someone will tell your spouse, and you will get full credit for love. Tell your wife’s mother how great your wife is.
Artificial artificial intelligence
Most Highlighted Passages of All Time (not available anymore)
Because sometimes things happen to people and they’re not equipped to deal with them.
Popular self-help books on the Amazon store.
Networked Optimization, covers.
Our behavior is a function of our decisions, not our conditions. We can subordinate feelings to values. We have the initiative and the responsibility to make things happen.
Forgiveness is the way of love.
I am amazed by how many individuals meet up every new day with yesterday.

The best thing we can do with the failures of the past is to let them be history.

Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy, not to hold the offender up against the offender.
DRM removal plugin for Calibre.
NetOp @ Impakt Festival

Utrecht, the Netherlands – Curated by Alexander Benenson (2014)
Japanese stack of books.
Photographers furious after Amazon patents technique for seamless white background

Amazon now owns U.S. Patent No. 8,676,045, a method for capturing objects on a ‘near perfect’ seamless white background. But some photographers are saying that this technique is decades-old.

BY CAROL KURUVILLA / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS / Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 5:18 PM
Amazon Seamless, Dana Manner (2014)
Jeff Bezos in *Amazon Seamless*, Dana Manner (2014)
This patented method saves loads of time making studio shots. Previously it took time to make the platform blend into the background if you didn’t get it just right, and often people had to add fake reflections later in Photoshop.

Networked Optimization at (!?), installation view.
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Posters for S. Fischer Verlag, Gunter Rambow (1973)
I’m fascinated by the explosion of the Quantified Self, enabled by digital technology, and love the idea of a personal Quantified Self reading-tracker-and-recommendation app – like a cross between Fitbit and Foursquare but with books. That would be fun.

Google Analytics Real-Time view
Radical Librarianship: how ninja librarians are ensuring patrons' electronic privacy

Librarians in Massachusetts are working to give their patrons a chance to opt-out of pervasive surveillance. Partnering with the ACLU of Massachusetts, area librarians have been teaching and taking workshops on how freedom of speech and the right to privacy are compromised by the surveillance of online and digital communications -- and what new privacy-protecting services they can offer patrons to shield them from unwanted spying of their library activity.
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The Post-Digital Publishing Archive, index page.
Amazon Erases Orwell Books From Kindle

[...] books represent an untraceable means of storing and retrieving information under most circumstances. For an individual to buy or borrow a book and read about something without it being noted by Google or their country’s surveillance administration is almost becoming a political act in itself.

Jesse England in “Book, Print, Ink, Paper, Type” (2014)
Thanks.

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