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Reviving America's Favorite Leisure Pastime



Here's one for the books: Now you can read at any angle.

(NAPSA)—Although reading is America's favorite leisure pastime, fewer people are reading today. A study by the National Endowment for the Arts found that the percentage of adults reading has fallen from 61 to 57 percent during the last ten years. Libraries are brimming with bestsellers and book clubs are more popular than ever, yet many people are not devoting the same amount of time to the printed page.

Some of the reasons people are reading less may include spending more time on the Internet or watching TV, DVDs and even viewing movies on a laptop computer while traveling. Also, people are busier with work, family obligations and a desire to stay fit, leaving less time for any leisure pursuit, including reading.

To help with that, there's a new adjustable reading stand that makes it possible to read while you're doing other things. The stand holds books and publications of all sizes and thicknesses. You can easily hang the reader directly on the treadmill.

You simply place your reading material on the reading lid, lifting the page holders to hold your pages down. For added security, you can use the center book wire. There's even storage space for your glasses, a water bottle or exercise chart. You can also use it:

- At the park
- While reading in bed
- In the kitchen
- To hold sheet music
- During presentations
- At the beach

Many users contend that the most unique function and best part about the PhiferReader is that the lid can be tilted for a comfortable "side reading." This change in position allows for a relaxing way to read lying on your side. That's handy for people with special needs or illnesses as well as those who enjoy reading in bed.

The device's patented features allow hands-free reading in almost any situation. Made of durable, lightweight resin material, it will be there when you need that extra hand. The bookstand may help remind Americans why reading truly is a pleasure. To learn more, see www.phiferreader.com or call, toll free, 1-866-PHIREAD.

