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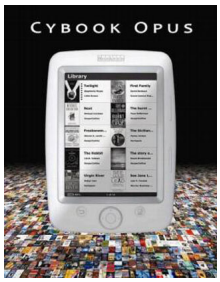

The new Cybook Opus
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Bookeen to Launch New Cybook Opus eBook Reader in June 2009

Leaked info from the company suggests

With the launch of Amazon's Kindle 2 and Kindle DX, portable eBook readers have become a very hot topic nowadays, a very large number of people hinting at the fact that this level of popularity might actually lead to the demise of "old" newspapers a lot sooner than previously thought. And it looks like the list of new product launches in this field for 2009 is far from over, as some leaked info points to a new such device from Bookeen scheduled to arrive on the market at some point in the near future.

The portable product will apparently be called the Cybook Opus and will really stick to the "portable" moniker from all points of view. If you want to take a look for yourselves at the whole document, you can check it out here, but be prepared for a PDF file.

Unfortunately, the information regarding the future Opus is not exactly extensive, but provides at least a general idea of what we should expect. Hence, the future eBook reader will be a very lightweight product, with an overall weight of just 5.3 ounces, and will be small enough to fit within a normal pocket. Plus, its interface will be a very user-friendly one, since, apparently, users will be able to operate it with just one finger.

Plus, the device will have a 200 dpi resolution, and will support up to 12 different font sizes, as well as a customizable layout. Another interesting addition will be the folder management system, plus the built-in motion sensor, whose exact purpose has not been clearly pointed out, but it has probably something to do with automatically activating the device whenever the user picks it up (just a wild guess, for now). The gadget provides 1GB of storage space and is designed to work specifically with Adobe ePub/PDF files. Of course, pricing details have not been unveiled, but if the document is right, then we won't have to wait too much in order to find them out, since the official release date is slated for somewhere over the course of 2009.

It's interesting to see that more and more companies are involved in the portable ebook reader game, which leads us to believe that the monetization possibilities for this particular field are quite good, or will be so in the future, when these products become more mainstream and the content delivery systems more streamlined.

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