

# An Analysis of the Development of the Media and Publishing Industry in the Information Age: Postprint

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## Abstract

An examination of the current development landscape of the publishing industry reveals that this sector plays an indispensable role in information dissemination. The acquisition and integration of information by social groups primarily stems from the continuous consolidation of the publishing industry, whose influence on derivative industries within the broader sector is also remarkably significant. This study first analyzes the fundamental status of the publishing industry's present developmental stage, and subsequently explores its intrinsic developmental trajectory. Building upon a clear identification of the problems and limitations currently impeding the publishing industry's progress, this paper proposes constructive transformation measures aimed at effectively elevating the quality and standards of China's publishing industry, thereby enhancing the market competitiveness and market share occupancy of relevant enterprises.

## Full Text

### Preamble

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China's publishing industry, thereby improving the market competitiveness and share of relevant enterprises.

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With the continuous development of the internet, literary works face a series of opportunities and challenges. On one hand, the internet has created broader platforms and development space for literary works; on the other hand, its inherent diversity and flexibility have led to certain problems and deviations in literary copyright protection. Therefore, it is essential to correctly understand the current processes and limitations of copyright protection, as only on this basis can we establish and improve copyright protection mechanisms in the internet environment. Traditional publishing and distribution industries have developed certain differences and conflicts with new media, urgently requiring adjustment of their industrial structures. Traditional development mechanisms have become difficult to coordinate with current market conditions and can hardly meet the needs of the public.

## 1.2 Slow Reform of the Cultural Industry

For a long time, market economic development and changes have been dominated by the normalized evolution and development of new media. Core elements such as artistic concepts, new media culture, and economic benefits are also continuously updating and improving amidst market changes. New media's research on audience information needs and desires is constantly deepening. Once new media fails to conduct in-depth research and integration of audience information needs, it will directly affect its own information dissemination and development. With the continuous deepening of economic construction, new media also needs to strengthen its understanding and awareness of audience information needs during the processes of information positioning, design, and dissemination, transforming its traditional new media methods and models. It must attach greater importance to audience needs and changes, providing audiences with more extensive information categories. This ensures that audiences have more choice space when selecting needed information according to their preferences. As market new media becomes increasingly diversified and personalized, audiences have gradually adapted to targeted and directional information

demand models, making personalized and subjective information-seeking behavior the mainstream in the internet market.

### 1.1 Insufficient Scale of Product Digitalization

Regarding current development trends in the publishing industry, product types have certain limitations. Some enterprises in the publishing industry can correctly recognize this and effectively transform their product design directions, deepening the integration of digital construction mechanisms with their own products. This gradually establishes their digital product development scale. Establishing a long-term development mechanism between digital products and their own product development can effectively optimize their enterprise's digital product structure. Even if they can expand digital information construction scale within a small range, obvious inefficiencies will emerge, unable to effectively solve numerous problems encountered during information operations. There are also issues in building consumer attraction and loyalty. The personalized information demand characteristics of audiences inevitably lead to differentiated network information supply.

### 1.3 Constraints of Information Cocoons

The decreasing credibility of network data is mainly manifested in the continuous decline of network data's own validity and authenticity. The degree of information falsification in the network environment has reached a point where ordinary netizens cannot effectively discern it in a short time. The phenomenon of false data sources is common in the current new media environment and can "fully arm" false information from individuals to groups. The continuous dissemination and derivation of false information in the network environment form its own "false information network," adversely affecting a large number of netizens' information decisions and judgments on internet platforms. Moreover, during internet information transmission, originally authentic information may be arbitrarily altered into false information. Even if information possesses its own authenticity and validity during release, after arbitrary alteration by platforms, it gradually becomes "distorted." Large amounts of false information create an "information cocoon" in cyberspace, where users find it difficult to distinguish information authenticity. In such a "network comfort zone," netizens' value judgments, value selections, and information literacy development are hindered.

### 1.4 Broad-Area Information Exchange Platforms

Influenced by current fast and efficient lifestyle patterns, the new media art market can provide targeted information to audiences in a short time, thereby meeting audience needs. In the continuous development of new media art, new media should establish and improve corresponding mechanisms and forms during dissemination and promotion, concentrating on one or several channels for communication and promotion, and focusing on improving the quality and level

of promotional channels. The virtual network environment can fill information needs and time gaps in the fragmented time of audiences' lives, providing them with strong psychological experiences and enjoyment. Consequently, internet information needs can continue to be transmitted and developed in the current economic market, becoming one of the important forms of information demand in public life.

The enormous network environment accommodates an unprecedented amount of information, providing audiences with more opportunities for comparison. Audiences can repeatedly compare collected information in a timely manner before finally deciding whether to adopt it. The continuous construction of the market economy has also affected the user group division mechanism of new media in the market. During the process of defining audience groups, we should not be limited to traditional "demographic segmentation" but should precisely target "individual segmentation," establishing a stable and harmonious interdependent relationship between audience information needs and their own information production. When facing numerous audiences, new media needs to integrate and process audience data. The new media with the most information can ensure its own competitive position in the industry while gaining good market initiative and establishing competitive advantages and soft power.

### 1.5 Weak Awareness of Copyright Protection

First, the definition of news events is unclear. The most prominent feature of news is its timeliness, often receiving relevant reports shortly after events occur. Once the reasonable reporting time is exceeded, news dissemination loses its meaning. Moreover, when literary works report news content, the most basic requirement is describing actual occurrences. Therefore, news events are not included in literary work copyright definitions. However, some works that criticize news events also experience infringement phenomena, which are common and difficult to eliminate in the internet environment.

Second, infringement methods for literary works are relatively hidden, with low violation costs. Due to the internet's fast information transmission speed and extremely wide transmission range, the dissemination of some literary works can inadvertently involve all aspects of society, with large involved groups. Once infringement occurs, investigation is difficult to achieve effective results. Moreover, literary work infringement is a type of self-reported case; if the original author does not file a lawsuit, relevant departments will not accept the case. Even if processing is obtained after litigation, the measures are relatively light and cannot deter criminals.

Finally, conducting rights protection litigation in the internet environment is difficult and costly. Compared with criminal methods, rights protection methods are more difficult and complicated. Due to the internet's diverse and complex environment, the identity of infringers is difficult to verify effectively, increasing difficulties in the investigation process. The process of hiring lawyers and

completing litigation consumes substantial human and material resources, resulting in high rights protection costs. Consequently, most original authors are deterred from applying for rights protection, also affecting the effective progress of rights protection work in the internet era.

## 2.1 Strengthen Digital Product Development

In the process of cultural construction and development, the government should play a macro-level guiding role to promote stable development in some regions. The government should conduct corresponding cultural inheritance and protection publicity, promoting clear economic construction goals in regional development and coordinating multiple construction factors within regions to establish a holistic regional development mechanism. Simultaneously, the government should formulate incentive and reward-punishment systems, commending and encouraging regions with outstanding construction achievements, and providing rewards and subsidies from policy and economic perspectives. This can effectively stimulate regional cultural construction enthusiasm and lay a solid mass foundation for cultural construction and protection.

## 2.2 Strengthen Development System Optimization and Reform

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Cultural inheritance requires specific cultural spaces and domains; no cultural phenomenon can leave its own inheritance and development carrier. Music culture has developed in specific historical periods and natural environments, representing a region's cultural phenomena and characteristics. Once cultural inheritance and development deviate from specific regions, it becomes difficult to maintain continuous development. In the process of music culture development, influenced by specific social and historical environments, it gradually forms its own forms and artistic values. Therefore, in cultural inheritance, we should respect the cultural development and construction environment, providing the most relaxed and simple construction forms to promote the secondary construction of music culture in the new era.

### 2.3 Strengthen Innovative Application of Information Resources

Establishing cultural brands can lay a solid foundation for cultural development. Creating proprietary cultural brands can ensure that culture enhances its market recognition during construction, embracing opportunities and challenges in the market economy. Culture should “go out” to seek broader construction and development space rather than being self-enclosed and developing within its own small environment. As the saying goes, “One cannot speak of ice to a summer insect.” In the process of cultural development, we should gradually expand our own construction fields and dissemination forms to ensure development depth and breadth. Regions possess unique geographical locations and diversified cultures, providing unique advantages for cultural industry brand building. Therefore, in developing culture, we should establish collective consciousness and brand awareness, grasping the effectiveness and scientific nature of cultural development. We should inherit the fine traditions of historical culture, conduct cultural integration that extracts essence and discards dross, and treat each region’s unique culture as an important development opportunity, mutually connecting and helping each other to form a region’s unique cultural phenomenon. Using regional cultural characteristics as important development links can effectively attract tourists and enhance regional cultural development processes.

### 2.4 Accelerate the Construction and Application of Digital Management Technology

In the process of gradually deepening and improving urbanization and modernization, we should achieve modernized construction of regional cultural facilities and improve related derivative art forms. We should integrate already-developed cultural attractions and improve and reform relatively backward and uncharacteristic cultures. In cultural development, we should adopt a holistic perspective, establish cultural regional models, improve cultural facilities, enhance characteristic cultural development, and combine traditional culture with modern cultural facilities to promote culture’s entry into a benign development track. Meanwhile, in cultural project construction, we should effectively mobilize tourists’ participation enthusiasm, attracting them to personally experience and feel culture. In the process of cultural development, we should achieve two-way interaction with tourists to satisfy their curiosity about culture. Based on tourists’ deeper visual and sensory experiences, we should enhance their perception of culture and meet the cultural needs of tourists at different stages.

Cultural inheritance is a specific cultural concept proposed by UNESCO, referring to cultural phenomena and concepts in people’s lives, including intangible cultural heritage and cultural expression forms. Cultural activities, cultural phenomena, cultural development and promotion spaces in cultural inheritance all have their own construction and development laws, which have received suf-

ficient attention in research. Cultural inheritance plays a very important role in China's current ideological construction and cultural development. China is a large multi-ethnic country, and each ethnic group has its own cultural foundation and characteristics. Conducting cultural inheritance is an important form of cultural development in the new era, providing traditional culture and arts with broader development space and laying a solid foundation for China's cultural society.

## 2.5 Improvement Measures for Internet Copyright Infringement

First, we should establish and improve relevant legal systems to fill gaps and loopholes in existing laws and regulations. Previously, China did not conduct corresponding management and punishment of internet infringement, resulting in some lawbreakers and illegal groups not receiving reasonable and effective constraints. Even when relevant infringement behaviors were discovered, related rectification measures were relatively simple and could not effectively restrain illegal and criminal activities. Therefore, legislative bodies should refer to internationally advanced and representative legal provisions to establish and improve China's internet laws and regulations as soon as possible, clarify protection for relevant responsible persons, and perfect China's legal system.

Second, we should establish corresponding phased protection mechanisms to improve the copyright protection system. Conducting copyright protection in the internet environment is extremely difficult, lacking necessary institutional guarantees and technical means. From a long-term perspective, the internet social environment is continuously developing and maturing. Once effective rectification and constraints are not implemented, internet infringement behaviors will gradually worsen. Therefore, we should continuously establish joint copyright protection mechanisms to reasonably and effectively protect the legitimate rights and interests of parties involved. This can effectively ensure that China's internet environment is green, stable, and harmonious, creating broader dissemination platforms and development space for literary works, ensuring that relevant responsible persons' copyright interests can be correspondingly protected, and gradually making it an important platform for the dissemination of China's literary works.

In the new media environment, art dissemination should effectively avoid risks and enhance the stability of cultural integration and development. Since traditional culture and arts contain some negative factors, integration is a process of extracting essence and discarding dross, as well as a guarantee for providing Chinese citizens with more complete spiritual lives. As current information dissemination forms are continuously deepening, we should effectively avoid risks and strikes on internet platforms during dissemination and development, spreading and promoting positive energy information with Chinese characteristics in people's lives to promote the secondary development of art and culture in the new era.

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