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A system (11) for presenting textual and/or graphical information for reading. The system includes a visual display unit (15) for displaying the textual and/or graphical information within a general layout screen, a microcomputer including processing means (13) to receive the textual and/or graphical information in an electronically encoded form and process the same for presentation on the visual display unit (15). A computer program (19) is provided for controlling the presentation of the textual and/or graphical information on the visual display unit (15) in a prescribed manner. A keyboard and mouse input (17) is included for inputting control signals to operate the processing means (13) and the computer program (19) or for altering control parameters of same. The computer program (19) sequentially locates discrete and successive portions of the textual and/or graphical information at the same position on the layout screen at a prescribed blanking time apart, each portion being displayed at this position for a prescribed display time. The general layout screen is divided into a browser pane (37) for displaying a block of textual and/or graphical information to be presented and a flash pane (39), within which the position for sequentially locating the discrete and successive portions of the textual and/or graphical information is centrally situated.

