

The Network of NLS libraries has been looking for a national union catalog of locally recorded Digital Talking Books. Specifically, the Network is looking for a system that can:

- Accept any locally produced recording that the libraries want to submit.
- Indicate on the reader's download interface screens that a given title is a locally recorded title, and which library recorded it.
- When a reader downloads a title, have that tracked in the library's circulation system as a "HasHad". This provides benefits both in reader services and in usage reporting.
- Allow the content to be searched and downloaded directly from the local library's online catalog. By providing the reader with a single interface to find all material, it makes finding all the desired materials much simpler.

Keystone Systems is building a national repository of titles recorded and produced by Talking Book Libraries called the **SH**ared **EL**ectronic **F**iles (SHELF) Project. Each participating library can contribute materials they have recorded and produced as a DTB. Keystone provides the infrastructure to make those recordings searchable and easy to download.

Benefits of the SHELF Project:

- Your local catalog can be a "one-stop-shop" for all NLS format DTB recordings. Searching occurs within your own OPAC (as applicable).
 - A dedicated OPAC will also be available to search only the SHELF Project's collection. This may be useful for libraries that cannot or choose not to incorporate the SHELF Project's titles into their own OPAC.
- Your readers will have access to all the recordings provided nationally, greatly increasing the range of locally recorded titles that are available.
- The titles that your library has produced will be able to have a much greater utilization.
- Keystone provides the physical storage space necessary to house the electronic files of your locally produced digital books.
- This provides an off-site copy of your completed DTB files for disaster recovery purposes. Additional file storage can be provided at an additional cost.
- Keystone provides the network bandwidth to support the downloads.
- Keystone provides data files to be loaded into your automation system—providing Catalog (MARC) records for titles in the project, as well as Circulation and usage data. Any automation system can utilize the SHELF Project.

Additional benefits to libraries using KLAS:

- Data will automatically be transferred between your local KLAS system and the SHELF Project's database which means:
 - Simplified patron data for authentication
 - Catalogue records automatically synchronize.
 - Recording files are automatically uploaded to SHELF.
 - Circulation data is automatically created and available in KLAS.
- Data transfers are immediate, rather than as monthly batches.